St. Mary Magdalene CATHOLIC CHURCH

November 6, 2026



One Parish, One Mission, One Future

Beloved, my practice to invite the congregation at the beginning of every Mass, using the words **"We are gathered in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,"** is to recognize, invite, and celebrate our unity at prayer, but also to remind us of our communion in the Blessed Trinity, who is eternal and yet actively present in our temporal world.

A Parish community gathered to worship at Mass continues outside sacred liturgy to build and expand through engagement, which in this case will be like the oil in the lamps of the ten wise virgins referred to in the Gospel this weekend. From sacred liturgy, we experience more growth in our weekly or periodical meetings, faith formation groups, ongoing catechesis, OCIA, and other parish apostolates/ministries that keep parishioners and their peers awake.

The Parish grows also through the collaborative leadership maintained by the pastor's wisdom with whom we identify and reach out to our vulnerable members of the parish and beyond. However, like in the ten wise virgins, we too come to know that for higher parish performance, each one is expected to stand accountable and responsible. The Parish will rely on your personal gifts, daily encouragements, courageous counsel, self-sacrifice, personal spiritual habits, such as prayer, scripture reading and meditation to thrive into the future. Needless to mention too is the joy from your active participation at liturgy such as in singing, offertory, and authentic reverence that enable each one to encounter Christ in a more personal way. And by the way, when the dismissal, “Ite missa est” that commissions everyone to go out and bear fruit, is taken, we can keep vigilant at home and in our socio-political life. It is in such, that we can build One Parish, One Mission, and One Future.

I love you.

God is good.

Fr. Francis

Giving Portal

This Week



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

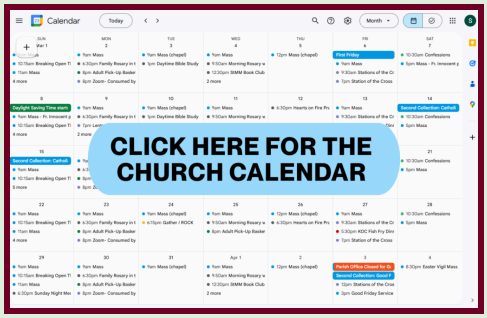


Saturday
10:30 AM - Confessions
5:00 PM - Mass
Sunday
9:00 AM - Mass
11:00 AM - Mass

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: A Voice Cries Out
Responsorial Psalm: 63 My Soul is Thirsting
Preparation: I Know a Name
Communion Antiphon
Communion 1: Be Thou My Vision
Communion 2: Praise the Lord Forever
Sending Forth: Praise You Anywhere



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.

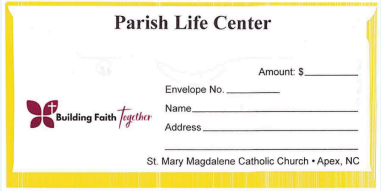
Flowers This Week

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 the Perruccio and Rusello families, in honor of Tony & Susan Rogers' 60th Wedding Anniversary.

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

Frassati Young Adult Game Night

Calling all young adults in their 20s and 30s! Join the Frassati Young Adult Group for a fun evening of games and fellowship **TONIGHT, November 6, beginning at 7:00 PM in Room 3 in the church.**



Come enjoy some friendly competition, meet new people, and connect with other young adults. All are welcome!

The following Saturday, join the Frassati Young Adult Group for an afternoon of service at the Ronald McDonald House in Durham on **Saturday, November 14, from 3:00 to 6:00 PM.** This is a wonderful opportunity to give back to the community while connecting with fellow young adults.

To volunteer or to learn more, email **frassati@stmm.net**.

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!



Keep Christ in Christmas!

The Knights of Columbus invite you to celebrate the true meaning of Christmas with beautiful religious Christmas cards!

Stop by **before or after any Mass on November 14 and 15** to browse a variety of designs featuring the Nativity and other sacred Christmas artwork.

Each box contains 12 cards with envelopes for just $12.

Share the joy of Christ's birth with family and friends this Christmas season!



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**.

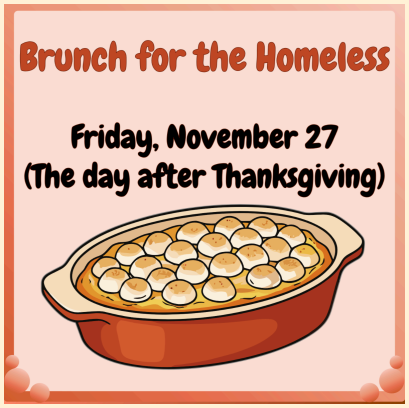


Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll Drive

The Knights of Columbus will hold their annual LAMB Tootsie Roll Drive before and after all Masses on **November 21 and 22.** LAMB (Least Amount My Brothers) supports individuals with intellectual disabilities by raising funds for local organizations that provide valuable services and opportunities.

Beneficiaries include Esteemed Coffee, Shine Yoga, Shoba Music, Endless Sorts, and Bluebird Farms.

Look for Knights wearing their yellow vests, make a donation, and enjoy a Tootsie Roll as a thank you! All funds raised go directly to supporting these local organizations.



Thanksgiving Brunch at Oak City Cares

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

Thanks to the generosity of our parish community, all 37 volunteers needed to prepare French Toast Casseroles have signed up! 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.

Parishioners can still support this outreach by purchasing Christmas cards and $15 gift cards to **A Place at the Table** on **November 14/15 and 21/22.** These will be given to guests attending the Thanksgiving brunch.

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



Finding Hope After the Loss of a Loved One

If you are grieving the loss of a loved one, you don't have to walk that journey alone.

Forward in Hope is a Christ-centered faith sharing group that offers comfort, encouragement, and support through prayer, Scripture, faith sharing, and fellowship.

Evening classes are forming now!

For more information or to join, contact **stmmForwardinhope@stmm.net** or call the Parish Office at 919-657-4800, ext. 7280.



Parishioner Assistance Ministry

The Parishioner Assistance Ministry (PAM) is looking for caring volunteers, especially those with Level C certification, to help support fellow parishioners in practical ways. Volunteers are needed to provide rides to appointments, prepare and deliver meals, or shop for and deliver groceries. Other volunteer opportunities are also available.

To learn more or to get involved, email **stmmpam@stmm.me**.

Come sing, pray, and grow in faith with Hearts on Fire!



Join us for an uplifting evening filled with charismatic praise and worship, along with intercession, testimony, Scripture reading, teaching, and time together in community.

Hearts on Fire meets in the chapel from **6:30 to 8:00 PM on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month**, August through June.

All are welcome! We hope to see you there.

Questions? Please contact Deacon Dev at **lobo@stmm.net**.



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 January 2027**, 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**
- **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!

- 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.

- Custom handmade Rosaries, Chaplets, Rosary Bracelets and Rosary Repair - Columbiettes' Rosary Makers Ministry. Please click here to request more information.

- 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 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.

- JobWorks Career Ministry is hosting two events in November: Guest speaker Russell Scott on November 12 and a networking event on November 14.

PHOTOS



Pictured right to left: Steve Fitzhenry, Membership Director, Joe Doran, Deputy Grand Knight, Scott Nadeau, Grand Knight.

StMM KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 7186 RECEIVES TOP AWARD

Congratulations to the Knights of Columbus Fr. Charles H. Mulholland Council 7186 on receiving the prestigious Star Council Award for the 2025–2026 fiscal year! This distinction is the Knights of Columbus' highest award for local councils, recognizing excellence in membership growth, promotion of fraternal insurance benefits, faith formation programs, and service to others.

The award was presented by Paul McGrath, State Deputy of the Knights of Columbus for North Carolina. Interested in joining the Knights of Columbus? Contact local Membership Director Steve Fitzhenry at **stevefitzhenry@outlook.com**.

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