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## **St. Mary Magdalene E-News May 18, 2018**

### **A Note From Father Donald Staib**

This past Friday we had the pleasure to graduate 81 of our StMM 8<sup>th</sup> grade. This is our 18<sup>th</sup> graduating class. We congratulate the students and we thank their parents for entrusting their children to us.

Last week we celebrated Jesus' Ascension. He left us to return to the Father. In all our lives there are leavings of family and friends - and for the most part we do not enjoy them.

In the case of graduations there is also the note of new beginnings, and we pray for the students that their new beginnings in another school will bring them growth in learning and excitement.

Thank you for the generous gifts in last week's 2<sup>nd</sup> collection for Catholic Communications. We received \$2,999.

**CONFESSIONS:** There will be Confessions on Saturday May 19 at 10:30 am, but not on May 26. I am grateful to Deacon Joe LaPierre for having a Communion Service at 8:15 on Wednesday May 23.

I have discovered that I am having trouble with emails to my AOL address. If you do not hear back from me in a day, try again. In June I will have more time to deal with my current troubles.

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## **Our 10:45am Mass is Live Streamed!**

Click [HERE](#) to Live Stream our 10:45am Mass

## **Sacraments**



**BAPTISMS** - See the Guidelines on the Website - then email the Pastor. First time parents must attend a baptism class [a good time is during the 9 months prior to birth.] Baptisms are usually, not always, at 10am on Saturdays or at weekend Masses.

**CONFESSIONS** - Always check the Pastor's Paragraph in the weekly Bulletin or our E-News mailed on Fridays. Confessions are usually, but not every week, at 10:30am in the Church.

**WEDDINGS** - See the Guidelines on the Website - then email the Pastor.

## Reflection

We live at a time when the encounter of languages, races, and cultures is more intense than ever. Mass media, especially the Internet, travel, immigration, and an increasingly globalized economy are bringing people together more and more. The experience of diversity is therefore more characteristic of our times and brings with it serious challenges and great opportunities.

Diversity is a fact, a growing reality, in the United States and in virtually all areas of the globe. Jesus Christ commanded his followers "to teach all nations." The Catholic Church, precisely because it is "catholic"-that is, "universal"- has always taken this command seriously.

So the Church's mission to evangelize, or proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and to advance the Kingdom of God is centered on the encounter of faith with cultures and on the promotion of justice. This is a process of conversion characterized by dialogue. In this process the Church both gives from its treasure of faith and receives from the distinctive humanity of each and every culture. - USA Conference of Bishops on Diversity

## Financial Matters

**OUR NEW CHURCH** - We have the obligation to make large monthly payments for 15 years for the construction of the church. In addition we are challenged to respond to new parish endeavors in all our parish programs. We are grateful to those who help us in the weekly Offertory for regular expenses and in the monthly white envelope for debt payments for the church.

### **DONATE NOW To OUR NEW CHURCH**

(Click on the above link to Donate)

## Pictures of the Week

StMM's 18th Graduating Class



## Mission Trip to Haiti

We have 155 of the 300 students in Haiti sponsored! Thank you to those of you who have generously donated. If you haven't donated yet, please watch the video (link below) to see what our parish & school are hoping to accomplish for these 2 schools in Haiti. A \$25 donation covers the cost of 1 year in school!

During the week of April 8th the STMM Youth Ministers, Janine McGann and Liz Sams participated in a mission trip to Jeremie, Haiti through Haiti Missions Inc (<http://www.haitimissioninc.com>)

Hurricane Matthew hit the region of Jeremie during October 2016 causing extensive damage to homes, churches and school as well as killing over 1000 people. The extent of the poverty in this area is beyond anything we had ever experienced before. Haiti Missions Inc. is committed to providing housing, education and hope to the people of Jeremie & one way they have done that is by opening 2 Catholic schools in the area. They are in danger of closing because the families cannot afford to pay the tuition which costs each student \$25 per year. Yes, that is correct! \$25 covers an entire year of education in Haiti! The \$25 per year covers all their costs and provides each student with one meal a day, many times it is the only meal that child will eat that day. We felt called to come back to our STMM school & church community and raise a rally cry to help get the 300 students of these 2 schools sponsored. Please watch this video and prayerfully consider sponsoring these children. All the research shows that education is the #1 weapon to battle poverty.

Let's not let these schools close on our watch!



## Gardening Committee



Do you enjoy gardening? StMM is starting a gardening committee to maintain our Campus. Duties include spreading pine straw/mulch, planting flowers, and litter pickup. This is a great opportunity for families to volunteer together. If interested, please email [info@stmm.net](mailto:info@stmm.net).

## Family Promise



**Family Promise**-StMM will support Family Promise by volunteering time and donating items to homeless families that will be housed at St. Andrews June 17-23. Please stop by tables in the lobby the weekend of June 2-3 to select your volunteer activity or item for donation. We could not do this without you, and need many volunteers for each day and night. Family Promise is a county-wide program that provides support to pre-screened homeless families as they transition into permanent housing (<http://www.familypromisewake.org/>). **Reminder:** All donations are dropped off at St. Andrew's. Contact Mary Wire at [mbwire@gmail.com](mailto:mbwire@gmail.com) or 919-749-8932 with questions.

## Welcome Dinner for New Members



A soup and salad **Welcome Meal** for new members of the parish will be held Sat June 2nd in the Dining Hall immediately after the 5pm Mass. We encourage representatives of StMM ministries to attend and to introduce themselves. We also need volunteers to help with meal preparation and setup. If you would like to attend the dinner or volunteer to help, please call Christine Agius at 919-303-5803

## Habitat for Humanity



The **StMM Habitat for Humanity Program** is in search of volunteers to help Korisha Bonn and her 16 month old daughter Kynlea reach their dream of home ownership. Korisha works at Peak Cardiology and will live in Fuquay-Varina. We are in search of volunteers for May 26th. Please join others from StMM and the Southwest Wake Faith Coalition in making an impact. Volunteers must be 16 or older. If you are interested in helping Korisha and your community please contact Terry Loding at [stmmhabitat@gmail.com](mailto:stmmhabitat@gmail.com) or 919-376-6714.

## Eucharistic Adoration



**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament/Eucharistic Adoration**-StMM has Adoration available every Friday in the Chapel after daily Mass. On the First Friday of each month Adoration begins after daily Mass and ends at 7pm. This requires that we have many people committed to praying in front of the Blessed Sacrament throughout the day. We always need more people for this ministry! Please consider committing 1 hour each month. On all of the other Fridays throughout the year we have 1 hour of Adoration after the 8:15am daily Mass. Take advantage of these opportunities to spend time with the Lord. If you would like to participate contact Anita Becker at 919-642-0441 or [ALANITABECKER@aol.com](mailto:ALANITABECKER@aol.com).

## Singles/Singles Again



**Singles/Singles Again** Upcoming Events-June 7th 6:30pm -Vic's Italian Ristorante, 4035 Lake Boone Trail, Raleigh. RSVP to Mike Burger 919-349-2500. June 30th 7:30pm Theatre in the Park (Pullen Park) for the funny musical "*It Shoulda Been You*" For group rate of \$23.60 , contact Andrea at TITP 919-831-6058 and identify yourself as Single/Singles Again Group. Questions contact Mike at 919-349-2500.

## Catholic Senior Organization



The **CSO (Catholic Senior Organization for men and women 60+)** meets every 3rd Monday of the month, September through May. Our next meeting will be Mon, May 21st, 9:30-11:30am, in Church meeting room #1. Additionally, the CSO knitting and crocheting group will be meeting on Mon, May 28th, from 1-3pm, in meeting room #1. These will be our last meetings until September. For more information, contact Miriam Moore, [miriamdel79@yahoo.com](mailto:miriamdel79@yahoo.com), 919-387-8676 or Fran Hughes, [gmomfran@gmail.com](mailto:gmomfran@gmail.com).

## Commemorative Engraved Bricks



The latest batch of **Commemorative Engraved Bricks** are in the ground at the entrance of the Activity Building. The deadline for our next batch is Sept 14th. Brick order forms are in the Narthex or you click on the link below for the Brick Order Form. Thank you for your support.

### [Brick Order Form](#)

## 'Knight's Corner'



Come enjoy breakfast with friends and family, expertly prepared by the Knights. Our next breakfast will be Sunday, June 10th following the 9am & 10:45am Masses in the Activity Building. Cost is \$8 for adults, \$5 for children 12 and under. Meal includes pancakes, scrambled eggs, choice of bacon, ham or sausage, along with coffee, milk and orange juice. All proceeds to benefit the new church.



**Become a Knight!** Faith, Family and Fraternity...These words make up the foundation upon which the Knights of Columbus stands. The efforts of our local Council 7186 support the St. Mary Magdalene community as well as communities around the world. Males who are 18 years of age or older and who are practicing Catholics are eligible to join. For information about this sponsored organization, please visit [www.kofc7186.org](http://www.kofc7186.org) or contact Michael Erpenbach at [mike@erpenbach.com](mailto:mike@erpenbach.com).

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