

# St. Mary Magdalene

CATHOLIC CHURCH



**31st Sunday in  
Ordinary Time  
November 3, 2019**



## ***REFLECTION***

Here is a major theme of St Luke's Gospel: the right use of wealth. Here are some examples: Prodigal Son, Rich Man and Lazarus, Dishonest Steward. The story of Zacchaeus today is about Jesus' interaction with a wealthy chief tax collector.

Jesus does not tell him to sell all his possessions and give to the poor. That commandment is reserved for only one person, the young man whose sole love of possessions prevented him from following Jesus.

No, Zacchaeus does not receive that command. This story is about how we use our money, resources, and possessions. Do we share?

**Mass Today—129**      **Offertory Helpers— Children Volunteers**  
**Weekend Masses—**Saturday—5pm & Sunday—9am & 10:45am  
**Weekday Masses—**Daily Mass Monday—Friday at 8:15am in Chapel  
**Sunday Youth Mass 6pm—**Youth Mass November 3rd, 10th, 17th, and 24th

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**Gathering:**  
River of Glory 651

**Psalm:** 145

I will lift up your name praise to my king and my God for you are holy, Oh I will lift up your name praise to my king and my God on high.

**Preparation:**  
God of Mercy 508

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Amazing Grace 432  
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Miracle of Grace 358

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We are the Light of the World 597

## PASTOR'S PARAGRAPH

My Dear Friends,

Recent Gospels in St Luke have been about our money and possessions. All parishes have to deal with this topic. Please note in another part of the bulletin and in our e-news how we at St. Mary Magdalene use our resources. We ask all to consider whether it is time to increase our giving.



During October – November each year for the weekend Masses I often use different Eucharistic Prayers at Mass. I am not sure they are in the Missals people use. There are 4 of them and I rotate them from week to week. I did find them online under the words 'Eucharistic Prayers for Various Needs.'

This week is National Vocations Awareness Week. We pray for our seminarians and we pray for priests everywhere. May the Lord bless us with priests and with dedicated pastoral workers.

**CONFESSIONS:** There will be Confessions this Saturday, November 2 at 10:30, after Baptisms and on Saturday November 9 at 10:30.

Father Donald Staib

### IMPORTANT

### PARISH DATES

#### November

- 3—"Prayers and Squares" meeting—1pm—Church Room 4
- 3—Youth Mass—6pm
- 4—RCIA—7:30pm—Church Room 4
- 7—Family Rosary—7pm—Chapel
- 10—2nd Collection—Archdiocese for Military Service
- 10—K of C Parish Breakfast after 9am Mass—Dining Hall
- 10—Youth Mass—6pm
- 11—Parish Council Meeting—7pm—Church Room 1
- 11—RCIA—7:30pm—Church Room 4
- 14—Family Rosary—7pm—Chapel
- 17—Chrysalis—11:45am—Church meeting rooms
- 17—Youth Mass—6pm
- 18—Catholic Senior Org—9:30am—Church Room 1
- 18—First Sacrament Parent Meetings—10:30am or 7pm—Church Room 3
- 18—RCIA—7:30pm—Church Room 4
- 19—First Sacrament Parent Meetings—10:30am or 7pm—Church Room 3
- 21—Family Rosary—7pm—Chapel
- 24—Youth Mass—6pm
- 28—Thanksgiving Mass—10am

**Deadline for Bulletin submission is the Wednesday Morning prior to the weekend of publication (Send bulletin requests to [info@stmm.net](mailto:info@stmm.net))**

### Mass Intentions

- Nov 2—5pm—For the Russo & Kolodzieszki Families
- Nov 3—9am—Parishioners of StMM
- Nov 3—10:45am—Joseph Padvano—Athan Family
- Nov 4—8:15am—Leo Nestor—Canning Family
- Nov 5—8:15am—Jake Buckley—Grandma & Grandpop
- Nov 6—8:15am—Art Hernandez—Molly Hernandez
- Nov 7—8:15am—Anne & Kelly Lorms—The Lorms Family
- Nov 8—8:15am—All Soul's—Molly Hernandez

**For Mass Intentions/Mass Cards—Call the Parish Office**

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### 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 on Saturdays in the Church.

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

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### FINANCIAL MATTERS

**OUR NEW CHURCH** – We have the obligation to make large monthly payments for 14 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.

## Elementary Religious Ed



**CPO Donations:** Grade 1 Program Families please note your dates for toilet paper donations are November 10th & 13th.

**PREP Calendar Reminders:** Thanksgiving Holiday – No Class Sessions Sunday, November 24, Wednesday, November 27 and Sunday, December 1. Classes resume Wednesday, December 4th.

**Attention First Sacrament Families** of children in Grade 2 PREP/ Wednesday Intermediate Sacrament Students/StMM School Grade 2 Families/Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Students-2nd year of Level II

**First Reconciliation Parent Meetings** are set. Please attend one of the following:

- Monday, November 18th in Church Room 3 - 10:30-11:30 am
- Monday, November 18th in Church Room 3 - 7:00-8:00 pm
- Tuesday, November 19th in Church Room 3 - 10:30 – 11:30 am
- Tuesday, November 19th in Church Room 3 - 7:00 – 8:00 pm

One parent is required to attend one of these meetings. If you attended in 2018-2019 or 2017-2018 you do not have to attend the meeting. You are, however, responsible for picking up meeting materials in the Parish Office the week of 11/18/19.

Contact Suzanne - [will@stmm.net](mailto:will@stmm.net) with your questions.

**First Reconciliation Dates for Religious Education Students** are Tuesday, February 4th at 6:30pm & Wednesday, February 5th at 6:30pm. Parents do not attend. Sunday PREP Students will need to sign up for a Tuesday or Wednesday time. Sign Up will take place at the November Parent Meetings. First Reconciliation Date for StMM School Students is Thursday, February 6th from 10a-11am. Parents do not attend.

**Looking Ahead** - Advent Begins December 1st. Our Annual Lobby Gathering Prayer will begin this week on days we have class sessions. Upon arrival to the lobby the students are to gather around our displayed Advent wreath & not proceed down to the classrooms. When our prayer is complete, catechists will walk their students to class. Dismissal procedures remain the same. Parents are welcome to stay & should stand around the perimeter of the lobby.

**Christmas Holidays** - All elementary programs are closed from Sunday, December 15th through Friday, January 3rd. All programs resume the week of January 6th.

**First Reconciliation Retreat** is Saturday, February 1st for all students in Grade 2 & the Wednesday Evening Intermediate Sacrament Program from 8:30a-12noon.

**2020 First Eucharist Dates** May 9th/10th and May 16th/17th. First Eucharist is received at the 5pm/9am/10:45am on either weekend. Families pick their own date. They are not assigned. Parents will give us date at the March parent meetings.



**Rock Calendar:** Thanksgiving Holiday – No Class on Sunday, December 1st.

**ROCK Core Team Needed** Due to the overwhelming response of our new program, the ROCK (Reaching Out for Christ), we are in need of additional volunteer Core Team Leaders to journey with our 5th & 6th Graders. The commitment is every other weekend and the plans are provided to you in advance. Please contact Suzanne [will@stmm.net](mailto:will@stmm.net) or Janine [Janine.mcgann@gmail.com](mailto:Janine.mcgann@gmail.com) to learn more about this exciting opportunity.

**Helpful Information to Stay Informed:** [www.stmm.church](http://www.stmm.church)

## Youth Ministry

STMM YM schedule for Sunday 11/3 is as follows:

EDGE 4:30pm-5:45pm in the gym

Apostello 4:30pm-5:45pm in the media center

Youth Mass at 6pm in the church (open to all ages!!!)

The Way 7:15pm-8:30pm starting in the church

All teens in The Way must sign in every Sunday at the table in the lobby of the church

The STMM YM Calendar for the 2019-2020 school year can be found at this link on the right side of the page:

<http://www.stmm.church/religious-ed/highschool.cfm>

**Haiti House Building:** We were so excited to host Fr. Joe from Haiti a couple of weeks ago & to learn more about his church and school community in Jeremie. If you'd like to see a picture of the house that St. Mary Magdalene built through the generous donations of our parish community, please go to this link to see the house and learn about the family who now calls it their home: (our home is #151)

<https://www.haitimissioninc.com/hmi-houses-147-current>

Thank you to everyone who contributed to this cause last year. We will begin collecting again this Sunday at our different programs to build more houses this year. If you'd like to help us with this effort, please go to this link to donate online via the STMM payment online system:

<https://secure.accesssacs.com/access/oglogin.aspx?sn=102397&>

Use the drop down button "Select a fund" and select "House in Haiti" so we can make sure it goes to the right account. For every \$3,750.00 we fund raise, Haiti Mission Inc will match it and a house gets built for a family in Jeremie, Haiti!!! If you do not want to donate online, please mail in a check to the parish office with "House in Haiti" in the Memo Line to StMM, 625 Magdala Place, Apex, NC 27502

### If you have a teen who:

- \* attends Catholic HS
- \* currently in 10th/11th/12th grade
- \* does not participate in The Way youth group at STMM
- \* would like to receive the sacrament of Confirmation in May 2020 at STMM

Please go to this link to register your teen for Confirmation 2020 preparation at STMM. They must have attended Catholic HS for their previous school year to enroll & your family must be a STMM registered parishioner. There will be 5 sessions held during the 2nd semester of this school year on Sundays, dates TBA The instructions and link to use the online registration are on the right side of this page: <http://www.stmm.church/religious-ed/highschool.cfm>

**HS Girls Retreat "Speaking to Sparrows"** registration is now open. There are 2 spots left open!!! Form is available on the church website at this link: <http://www.stmm.church/religious-ed/highschool.cfm> This retreat is open to girls in 9th-12th grade and will be held Friday, November 8th to Sunday November 10th in New Hill, NC. Cost is \$75.00 per girl. It is an amazing opportunity for girls to create community, build up sisterhood, spend the weekend in her pajamas/soft clothes and get away from the everyday stresses of high school life. Girls from any church/denomination can attend this retreat!! Spots are limited to 20 girls and at this time are not open to girls who have already attended in past years. If we don't fill the 20 spots, we'll open it up to returners!

Registration has now closed for all STMM YM programs  
Please contact Janine or Liz directly if you missed our registration period.

Janine McGann can be reached at [janine.mcgann@gmail.com](mailto:janine.mcgann@gmail.com)

Liz Sams can be reached at [liz.sams@gmail.com](mailto:liz.sams@gmail.com)

## Money Matters

The Pharisee in the Gospel of October 27 gave to the Temple 10% of his income. The Tax collector in the November 3 Gospel gave ½ of his possessions to the poor. How are we doing at St Mary Magdalene?

Our annual Financial Report [July 2018 thru June 2019] is published on our website. You can find it at under 'Welcome' and 'Parish Council'

[http://www.stmm.church/Text\\_of\\_annual\\_report\\_2019\\_to\\_parish.pdf](http://www.stmm.church/Text_of_annual_report_2019_to_parish.pdf)

Since July 1 2019 our Offertory is about \$10,000 per month short of our budget for 2019-2020. We know some folks choose to give once a year, toward the end of the year. We also hope the 212 new households we have since last January will help us reach our parish needs.

Here is a snapshot of giving patterns since January 2019:

20 families have given between \$6,000 and \$20,000  
 95 families have given between \$3,000 and \$5,999  
 459 families have given between \$1,000 and \$2,999  
 349 families have given between \$500 and \$999  
 474 families have given between \$100 and \$499  
 207 families have given less than \$100  
 433 families have no record of giving

[We have written to most of these 433 families to ask if they are still here and wish to continue to be members of StMM.]

We also have come to realize that some members who made a pledge to the new church will not be completing their pledge. This amounts to \$73,000.

We are so grateful to all who use the White Envelopes; we use these funds to pay our debt for the construction. Blessings to all who help our parish like the Pharisee and the Tax Collector in the Gospels.



## Today's Announcements



Are you interested in becoming Catholic? Are you Catholic but not confirmed? We can help! The RCIA process at StMM assisted 8 adults in completing their sacraments of initiation at the 2019 Easter Vigil. Our next session will be Monday, November 4 at 7:30 PM in Room #4 of the church building. It's not too late to join the discussions. Please contact Scott and Kathy Strednak at [rcia@stmm.net](mailto:rcia@stmm.net) if you missed the inquiry sessions.



The CSO (Catholic Senior Organization for men and women 60+) meets every third Monday of the month, September through May. Our next meeting will take place Monday, November 18, 9:30 - 11:00 AM, in Church meeting room #1. For more information, please contact Miriam Moore, [miriamdel79@yahoo.com](mailto:miriamdel79@yahoo.com), 919-387-8676 or Fran Hughes, [gmomfran@gmail.com](mailto:gmomfran@gmail.com).

"Prayers & Squares" - A prayer quilt group. If you are interested in sewing for the Prayers & Squares group please join us for a meeting on Sunday, November 3 @ 1:00. We will be meeting in room 4 in the church building. For more information, please contact Lorraine Morris at [lcmorris0707@gmail.com](mailto:lcmorris0707@gmail.com)

**Talk Saves Lives Presentation (November 14th at 7 and 8:15 pm in the STMM Media Center).** Provided by the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, this one- hour awareness program presents the basics of what everyone needs to know about suicide: who is at risk, the warning signs & what you can do in a crisis. Two identical sessions will be held to accommodate your schedules. This presentation is for ages 15 and higher only. For questions, contact Mike Rota at [mikerota2018@gmail.com](mailto:mikerota2018@gmail.com)



Children's Liturgy of the Word has begun and is held during the Sunday morning liturgies at 9:00 & 10:45 am. It mirrors the worship experience of the parish community in an engaging and interactive environment. Eligible participants are children 3 - 6 years old. This program is a co-op; dependent upon parishioner involvement. Volunteers must be Safe Environment Certified. If you'd like to assist with this ministry, please contact the Program Coordinator, Jennifer Jury at [stmmclow@gmail.com](mailto:stmmclow@gmail.com).

Introducing a new convenient, small-group, opportunity for STMM adult parishioners - **Discipleship Quads!!** Quads are based on a model that has over thirty years of success. It is gender-specific and free. Start any time. Your journey with the **Discipleship Quad** will deepen your faith and equip you with the tools you need to help rebuild our Church at a time when we desperately need disciples. **To inquire, contact Laura Werner at [steubenvillemissionNC@gmail.com](mailto:steubenvillemissionNC@gmail.com) or go to <https://steubenvilleconferences.com/discipleship-quads/>.**

In partnership with **Western Wake Crisis Ministry (WWCM)**, St. Mary Magdalene is sponsoring Thanksgiving Baskets again this year. On November 9/10 and 16/17, the **Helping Hands Ministry** will have tables in the church narthex with information on out what WWCM needs to collect to provide Thanksgiving meals to over 235 local families. Provide part of a meal, money for a turkey or all of the items - anything will help us help others have a meaningful Thanksgiving. Items should be dropped off after Masses on the weekends of November 16/17 and November 23/24. All contributions will be due to later than 11:15 on Sunday, November 24.



**STMM's Appalachia Service Project (ASP) is starting up and accepting applications** for the 2020 mission trip being held on July 12-18! All applications are due by **Annalachi** November 17. If you are new to the process and want to know more before signing up your high schooler (or yourself), visit us at our **information meeting** coming up on Tuesday, November 5, 7pm-8:30pm in the Media Center. We will go through what the mission trip looks like, what we do, and all of your other burning questions! If you have any questions right now, please contact Taylor Wray at [stmmaspp@gmail.com](mailto:stmmaspp@gmail.com)



**The next parish breakfast will be Sunday November 10th after 9am mass. Plan to attend and show your appreciation for veterans and active duty military (and families), who will eat free!**

Online membership program at: <http://kofc.org/un/joinus/en/index.html>  
 KofC 7186 council calendar of events: <https://kofc7186.org/calendar>

**Chrysalis Announcement**—Want to enrich your marriage and join in fellowship with other married couples? Come and join the Chrysalis Ministry for our next meeting on November 17th, 2019 11:45 am-1:15 pm! Open to all married couples, Chrysalis provides its members with the

opportunity to celebrate their marriage with other couples spiritually and socially. Check out our website for more information, meeting schedule, a sneak peek at our video series, and RSVP to attend! [sites.google.com/view/stmmchrysalis](https://sites.google.com/view/stmmchrysalis)

### Volunteer Request

Volunteers needed for childcare during once-monthly Chrysalis Ministry meetings. Open to C-Level Certified Adults and responsible high school and middle school students (11 years old+). Time commitment is two hours (11:30 am-1:30 pm) one Sunday per month. Responsibilities include:

- Maintaining a safe environment for children 1-4 years old and 5-10 years old
- Supervising play and engaging with children during meetings
- Facilitating a group activity with children

The next Chrysalis meeting is scheduled for November 17th, 2019, and we are in need of childcare volunteers. Please RSVP to volunteer by visiting our website [sites.google.com/view/stmmchrysalis](https://sites.google.com/view/stmmchrysalis). Service hours are available for high school and middle school students!

**Free Financial Peace Live!** All parishioners are invited to attend a free live screening of Financial Peace Live! on Wednesday, November 20th in Room 3 of the Church from 6:45 pm to 9:15 pm. Financial Peace Live will cover the 7 Baby Steps to living a christian centered financial lifestyle which will bring you, your family, and your marriage PEACE. Dave Ramsey has been helping people follow God's financial plan for them for more than 30 years. Snacks and refreshments will be provided by the Chrysalis marriage enrichment ministry. Please register to attend here: [www.fpu.com/1104560](http://www.fpu.com/1104560) and view a brief promotional video for the event here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tUOlcMYnEO4>



### Respect Life News



Pray the **Rosary for Life** at 10:10am on the 2nd Sunday of the month in the Chapel. Our next Rosary for Life is Sunday, November 10th.

It is a beautiful way to start the day whether you come before Mass or stay after. Prayer sheets are provided and families with children are welcome.

**Catholic Considerations for Our Earthly Passing**—We prepare for eternal life by choosing to love and follow God. Our journey with Christ includes equipping our consciences to make morally good judgements at the end of life. While no summary can substitute for thorough catechesis, one thing is clear: we are entrusted by God with the gift of Life. This obliges us to make use of appropriate, effective medical care. The Church affirms the inviolable dignity of every person, regardless of the duration or extent of the person's incapacity. Nothing diminishes the sanctity of a person's life, or the obligation to protect and care for it. Those who are sick should not be alone, and even after death, accompaniment continues by praying for those who have passed. Read the full version at [respectlifeprogram.org/end-of-life-considerations](https://respectlifeprogram.org/end-of-life-considerations).



### Diocesan News



**Single / Single Again** If you are a single, separated, divorced or widowed person, you are invited to join us at our monthly Mass held at Cardinal Gibbon HS chapel at 5:30 pm. A pot-luck social follows Mass. Upcoming Mass schedule: November 17 and December 15. For more information, contact Celia at [ckeator@nc.rr.com](mailto:ckeator@nc.rr.com), or visit [www.singlesingleagain.com](http://www.singlesingleagain.com) or on Facebook, [www.facebook.com/singleagainraleigh](https://www.facebook.com/singleagainraleigh).

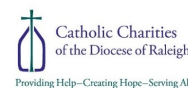
**Advent Retreat: Blessed, Broken and Scared.** The Catholic Conference Center in Hickory NC is teaming up with Broken Door Ministries to host the popular retreat: **Blessed, Broken, and Scared.** Jesus was the Father's gift to our broken world. Pride and fear prevent us from unwrapping the Father's gift. In the retreat, participants will discover the keys that unlock the chains that bind them to recurring sin and brokenness. They will also learn how to model Jesus and become a 'gift' to others. The retreat is two nights, December 6-8. Speaker and author Brian Pusateri of Broken Door Ministries will be the retreat master. An early bird special ends November 6. Find more information at [www.catholicconference.org/signs/](http://www.catholicconference.org/signs/) or contact [info@catholicconference.org](mailto:info@catholicconference.org), 828.327.7441.

**Search Retreat** - Calling all High School Teens - Join us on the upcoming SEARCH retreat. Search is a peer-led retreat weekend sponsored by the Diocese of Raleigh that touches people's lives because it encourages participants to seek and find Christ in them and in one another. It is a series of witness talks and activities prepared and given by a team of high school youth. The weekend gives you the opportunity to look at your faith and life in a new way. The retreat takes place at Camp Dixie, 373 Bladen Union Church Rd, Fayetteville, NC 28306, from Friday, November 15, 2019, at 07:00 PM to Sunday, November 17, 2019, at 02:00 PM. For more information, please contact Monique Wertis: [wertism@gmail.com](mailto:wertism@gmail.com), or register by going to [dioceseofraleigh.org/youth-ministry/search-retreat](http://dioceseofraleigh.org/youth-ministry/search-retreat).



### Catholic Charities Volunteer Opportunity

- New Dates Scheduled! Join NC Catholics Volunteer on November 23rd. Help as we repair homes damaged by Hurricane Matthew and Hurricane Florence. Volunteers from all areas and of all experience levels are encouraged to participate! If you have any questions, please contact Jo-El Sidbury Smith by email at [Jo-El.SidburySmith@raldioc.org](mailto:Jo-El.SidburySmith@raldioc.org) or at (910) 251-8130. Spots are limited so sign up now! [www.CatholicCharitiesRaleigh.org/NCCV](http://www.CatholicCharitiesRaleigh.org/NCCV)



### Catholic Charities Gala

- Join Catholic Charities at our 9th Annual Gala on November 16, 2019, at the Raleigh Marriott Crabtree Valley. The Most Reverend Bishop Luis Rafael Zarama and the Catholic Charities Board of Directors are hosting this elegant night out, featuring a cocktail hour, program, and a live band, which will support our services across the 54 counties of the Diocese of Raleigh. The evening will also include a raffle drawing with the first prize winner taking home a Cruise Package valued at \$4,300. Raffle tickets are \$50 each, 3 for \$100 and can be purchased online or on the night of the event. Winners do not need to be present, so everyone can participate. For more information or to register, please visit [www.CatholicCharitiesRaleigh.org/2019-Gala](http://www.CatholicCharitiesRaleigh.org/2019-Gala), or email Katey Fithian, Director of Development, at [Kathryn.Fithian@raldioc.org](mailto:Kathryn.Fithian@raldioc.org).



## Job Opening StMM School

Position Title: Art Teacher  
Full-Time; 30 hours per week

### Key responsibilities / day-to-day job functions

Saint Mary Magdalene Catholic School is a K-8 Catholic school located in Apex. We are currently accepting resumes for an Art teacher. Candidates should present passionate dispositions towards teaching and Catholic formation. The person should:

- Accepting the mission of the school as articulated at the Diocesan and school level;
- Implementation of the educational mission, philosophy, goals, and objectives of the school;
- Plan, prepare, teach, and interact with students in a professional way that challenges students to reach their individual potential while celebrating the ability levels of all students;
- Collaborate with team and cluster to form successful partnerships with parents, the administration, and students;
- Performance of professional responsibilities including but not limited to planning lessons, preparing instructional materials, serving on faculty committees, communication with parents and administration, and maintaining positive relationships with peers, students, parents, and the administration.

### Minimum Requirements

- Applicants should hold a minimum of a North Carolina teaching certificate in Art or a related field.
- Practicing Catholics who have prior teaching experience in a Catholic school setting preferred
- Employment is contingent on the applicant passing a full background check

The position is for the remainder of the 2019-20 school year.  
Send resume and letter of interest to: [principal@stmm.net](mailto:principal@stmm.net)

## News From Other Organizations

The Annual BAZAAR at St. Bernadette Catholic Church, 1005 Wilbon Rd. in Fuquay Varina will be held Nov. 15 – 17<sup>th</sup>. You are invited to attend.

**The Legion of Mary** at St Michael the Archangel Church in Cary. All are invited to pray the Rosary with us every Monday night 7pm rm3 Conference Center

**St. Thomas More Academy (STMA)**, an independent, Diocesan approved, Catholic college preparatory school in Raleigh, invites all 8th grade students to an OPEN HOUSE on Sunday, November 10<sup>th</sup> from 2-5pm. STMA is located at 3109 Spring Forest Road, Raleigh, NC. Applications for the 2020-2021 school year are now being accepted. Parents and students are encouraged to attend this event. In addition to the Open House, "shadowing" is encouraged for all students wishing to experience STMA first hand. Please call 919-576-7064 or email [admissions@stmacademy.org](mailto:admissions@stmacademy.org) with questions or to schedule a visit. For more information visit our Admissions page at [www.stmacademy.org](http://www.stmacademy.org)

Don't miss St. Michael the Archangel's 11th Annual Holiday Fair! Join us Saturday Nov. 9<sup>th</sup> from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 804 High House Rd, Cary in the Parish Center. Shop from 45 local crafters, artists, and direct sellers. Purchase food and door prize raffle tickets; proceeds benefit programs for children in need in our parish and community.

The Annual Veterans Day Luncheon hosted by the Knights of Columbus 4th Degree will be held on November 11<sup>th</sup> in the Fellowship Hall of Saint Andrew the Apostle Church at 1 PM. We invite anyone to attend this important luncheon to honor all of our wonderful veterans.

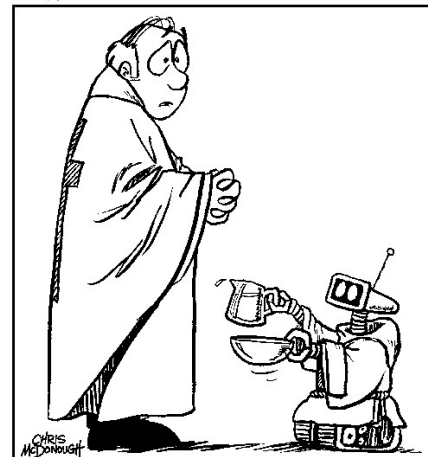
Cost: \$10/adults and \$5/children (ALL TICKETS MUST BE PURCHASED PRIOR TO THE EVENT, TICKETS WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE AT THE DOOR) Our Knights are proud of our luncheon tradition and invite you to join us on the 11<sup>th</sup>. Tickets made be ordered by contacting: Gary Lazetera at [glazetera@outlook.com](mailto:glazetera@outlook.com), Thomas Spampinato at [tspampinato@yahoo.com](mailto:tspampinato@yahoo.com), or Joe Puglise at [joepwtpc@aol.com](mailto:joepwtpc@aol.com)

**Foster Care & Adoption 101**—Is there room in your heart and home for a special child? Are you feeling called to adoption or fostering? Come to our casual information session on Thursday, November 14<sup>th</sup> from 6—8pm at St. Michael Conference Center where you can speak with experts and families who have experienced the process and beyond.

**Cardinal Gibbons High School** will host its annual Open House for prospective students and families on Sunday, November 3, 1- 4 p.m. at its 1401 Edwards Mill Road campus. Engage with our parents, educators, and students during presentations and tours; explore our campus as you visit classrooms, labs, arts & athletic facilities; experience our innovative curriculum, technology, and co-curricular programs; and embrace our culture through clubs, teams, and spiritual life. Additionally, join us for Application Assistance Night on November 12. For more information, please visit [www.cgshsnc.org/apply](http://www.cgshsnc.org/apply)

**For the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Community** there is a sign language interpreted Mass usually at the 8:30am Sunday Mass at St. Michaels in Cary.

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Young men who have completed their application to Belmont Abbey College and who are discerning their vocation, may request an application to become a Raleigh Seminarian and enjoy the benefits of the Frassati House of Formation.

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Category	BAC Standard	Frassati House
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Room	\$ 5,000	\$ 2,500 (50%)
Meal Plan	\$ 4,300	\$ 4,300
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*\*Frassati House Residents also receive a benefit of a book-stipend from the Diocese of Raleigh of \$400 per semester, along with two round-trip Amtrak® tickets between Raleigh and Charlotte. Candidates should apply to FAFSFA indicating the Belmont Abbey College code **002910**. FAFSFA opens in October and closes in early February 2020. Students should remain on their parents' medical insurance. All financial aid and scholarships will reduce the family's total responsibility. Belmont Abbey College has flexible plans that can be arranged into monthly payments over the course of the academic year.*

### Frassati House of Formation at Belmont Abbey College Application Process



- Step 1 COMPLETE FAFSFA APPLICATION
- Step 2 COMPLETE BELMONT ABBEY COLLEGE APPLICATION
- Step 3 REQUEST APPLICATION TO BECOME A RALEIGH SEMINARIAN

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