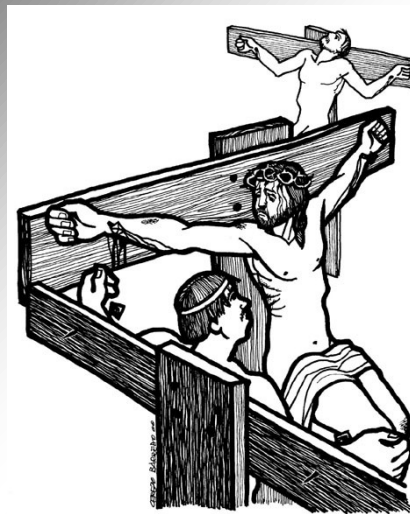


# St. Mary Magdalene

CATHOLIC CHURCH



**Our Lord Jesus Christ,  
King of the Universe  
November 24, 2019**



## **REFLECTION**

Pope Francis visit to Thailand and Japan, his 32nd Apostolic Journey.

During the flight from Rome to Bangkok, Pope Francis sent messages to the Heads of those States flown over along the route, praying for the peace and prosperity of their respective nations.

Pope Francis from Rome to Bangkok flew over thirteen countries. As is customary, the Pope sent a telegram expressing his greetings and invoking God's blessings on the people of those nations.

Departing from Italy, Pope Francis sent his first message to the Italian President in which he explained how this Apostolic journey to Asia reflects his "keen desire" to meet his brothers and sisters in the faith, "and the inhabitants of those noble nations".

Crossing the airspace of Croatia, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Serbia, and Montenegro, Pope Francis invoked blessings of joy and peace upon those nations. His message to Bulgaria recalled "with pleasure" his visit to that country last May.

Flying over Turkey, Iran, Afghanistan, Pakistan, India and Myanmar, the Pope sent messages assuring those countries of his prayers, while invoking Divine blessings of peace, prosperity and well-being.

**Mass Today—132**

**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 24th December 8th, 15th, No Youth Mass December 1st,

### **PARISH CONTACTS**

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### **Gathering:**

Alleluia Sing to Jesus 731

### **Psalm: 122**

I rejoiced when I heard them say "Let us go to the house of the Lord. Let us go to the house of the Lord!"

### **Preparation:**

Tend the Ground 616

### **Communion:**

In Christ Alone 405

Worthy is the Lamb 574

I Am the Bread of Life 370

### **Sending Forth:**

In the Day of the Lord 575

## PASTOR'S PARAGRAPH

My Dear Friends,

Thank you for your generosity to the collection last week for the Campaign for Human Development. We received \$4,798 which is very generous for a 2<sup>nd</sup> collection.



On Thanksgiving Day there will be Mass at 10 am. We are most grateful for all our Blessings and we continue to pray for God's help in our lives and we pray for our country that we continue to live in ways that honor all those who have made sacrifices in years past.

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.'

Please keep in your prayers Judy Owens who died this past week. Judy was one of the original teachers in our school when it opened in 1999.

**CONFESSIONS:** There will be Confessions on Saturday November 23 at 10:30 am. There will not be Confessions on Saturday November 30. In next week's bulletin we will publish the schedule for Advent Penance Services in our area.

Father Donald Staib

### IMPORTANT

### PARISH DATES

#### November

- 24—Youth Mass—6pm
- 25—RCIA—7:30pm—Church Room 4
- 27—No Elementary Religious Education Classes
- 28—Thanksgiving Mass—10am

#### December

- 1—No Youth Mass, No Religious Education Classes
- 2—RCIA—7:30pm—Church Room 4
- 5—K of C Blood Drive—1-6pm—Church Parking Lot
- 5—Family Rosary—7pm—Chapel
- 8—Photos with Santa after 9 & 10:45 Mass—Church Room 1
- 8—Rosary for Life—10:10am—Chapel
- 8—Youth Mass—6pm
- 9—RCIA—7:30pm—Church Room 4
- 12—Family Rosary—7pm—Chapel
- 15—Youth Mass—6pm
- 15—Parish Mission—7:15pm—Church
- 16—RCIA—7:30pm—Church Room 4
- 19—Family Rosary—7pm—Chapel
- 22—No Youth Mass
- 24—Christmas Eve Mass—3pm, 5pm, and 9pm
- 25—Christmas Day 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))**

**Parish Offices will be closed November 27—29 for the Thanksgiving holiday**

### Mass Intentions

- Nov 23—5pm—Anthony Mastroianni—Fran & Sal Mastropolo
- Nov 24—9am—Edward McCarron—Kathy & Scott Strednak
- Nov 24—10:45am—Parishioners of StMM
- Nov 25—8:15am—Unborn & Children of Orphanage—Denise Ho Family
- Nov 26—8:15am—Delphine Swartzlander—Hils Family
- Nov 27—8:15am—Kathleen Ann Kern—Sal & Fran Mastropolo

### 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

### **PREP & Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Calendar Reminders:**

Thanksgiving Holiday – No Class Sessions Sunday, November 24, 2019, Wednesday, November 27, 2019 and Sunday, December 1, 2019. Classes resume Wednesday, Dec. 4<sup>th</sup>. Wishing your families a Happy Thanksgiving.

### **First Reconciliation Dates for Religious Education Students** are

Tuesday, February 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm & Wednesday, February 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm. Parents do not attend. Sunday PREP Students will need to sign up for a Tuesday or Wednesday time if you have not done so at the Parent First Reconciliation Meeting. First Reconciliation Date for StMM School Students is Thursday, February 6<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 am-11:00 am during the regular school day. Parents do not attend.

Looking Ahead - Advent Begins December 1<sup>st</sup>. Our Annual Lobby Gathering Prayer will begin in December 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 15<sup>th</sup> through Friday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>. All programs resume the week of January 6<sup>th</sup>.

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

2020 First Eucharist Dates May 9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup> and May 16<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup>. 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 First Eucharist Parent meetings.



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

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

**Please direct all questions to Suzanne -** [will@stmm.net](mailto:will@stmm.net)



## Youth Ministry

STMM YM schedule for Sunday 11/24 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

*We are excited to invite all STMM parishioners, families, and friends to a special night celebrating the beautiful season of Advent.*

**When & Where:** Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup>. 7:15pm-8:30pm in the church

**Special guest speaker** MARY BIELSKI

**Music by our own praise and worship group, "Rooted"**

**Haiti House Building:** We have begun our fund raising for another house to be built in Haiti! 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:

<https://www.haitimissioninc.com/hmi-houses-147-current>  
(our home is #151)

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&f>

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 10<sup>th</sup>/11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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>

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.

If you would like to increase your electronic debit, complete the form at <http://www.stmm.church/giving/electronicoffertory.cfm> Choose the last option to change the amount.



## Today's Announcements

**Dynamic Catholic's mission is to re-energize the Catholic Church in America by developing world-class resources that inspire people to rediscover the genius of Catholicism.** Are you ready to get ready? If so, sign up for **BEST ADVENT EVER** from Dynamic Catholic. It's a totally free and totally awesome daily video program (sent straight to your email) that will help you prepare for Christmas like never before! See the flyers in the Narthex or click the link for information how to sign up. If you already are a Dynamic Catholic Ambassador or are interested to learn more send an email to [stmm.dynamic.catholic@gmail.com](mailto:stmm.dynamic.catholic@gmail.com). **Be Bold. Be Catholic.**



YouTube

Live stream StMM's 10:45am Mass at: [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC7wpkWA5NgzXgQgmIxtNRZA?view\\_as=subscriber](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC7wpkWA5NgzXgQgmIxtNRZA?view_as=subscriber) or Search YouTube for 'STMM CHURCH LIVE'.

"Living in the Power of the Holy Spirit" – Are you interested in experiencing more fully, the power of the Holy Spirit? Did you miss the one day workshop offered a couple of weeks ago? The Friday Morning Men's Fellowship and Faith Formation group will be offering similar content over a four week period. Men in the parish are welcome to join us from 6:15-7:30AM starting on November 15<sup>th</sup> in the church building. These sessions are about renewing our Christian faith through the power of the Holy Spirit. It is about seeking a new intimacy with Jesus and the fullness of the Holy Spirit, so that we can be and bring God's presence to the people and circumstances of our lives. If you have never said yes to Jesus' offer to have a relationship with you, this is an opportunity to do so, as well as seek to experience the fullness of his Holy Spirit. If you have said yes to Jesus' offer to have a relationship with him, but that relationship has grown distant, this is an opportunity to renew that relationship and also seek to experience the fullness of the Holy Spirit. Please contact Art Klaum (at [artklaum61@gmail.com](mailto:artklaum61@gmail.com)) or Paul Mastropolo (at [pmastropolo@gmail.com](mailto:pmastropolo@gmail.com)) if you would like more details or have any questions.

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 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 weekend of November 23/24. All contributions will be due to later than 11:15 on Sunday, November 24.

**POWER AND PURPOSE/HOLY SPIRIT CONFERENCE JUNE 5-7, 2020.** Will you join us next June? Travel to beautiful Franciscan University in Steubenville, OH with fellow StMM parishioners to learn more about the Holy Spirit and what He can do in your life. Discover a purpose for your life and experience the true freedom and healing He wants to offer you. **Contact Joe or Laura Werner [wernerjoe@aol.com](mailto:wernerjoe@aol.com) [steubenvillemissionNC@gmail.com](mailto:steubenvillemissionNC@gmail.com).** Bus travel optional. Please use this link to register: <http://bit.ly/LauraWernerPPC20>



**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, Dec 16, 11am—1pm, 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).

**Prayer Line—**[miriambeck24@gmail.com](mailto:miriambeck24@gmail.com), 919-924-1413



The Knights of Columbus will have a blood drive on Dec 5th from 1 - 6pm. A blood mobile will be set up behind the church. Please use this link for appointments [https://donate.thebloodconnection.org/donor/schedules/drive\\_schedule/137096](https://donate.thebloodconnection.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/137096) All proceeds will be donated to SMM school. Please help us save a life and also help the school.



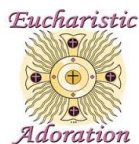
Do you use **Donate to StMM** on our website? When making your on-line donation, please add your envelope# in the "optional memo" field to ensure proper allocation of your donation. Thank you for your generosity!



Get your Picture taken with Santa!  
Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup> 10 AM – 1PM  
STMM Church Lobby  
Minimum \$5 Donation

Help support our Youth Ministry at STMM. We are working with Haiti Mission to help build homes in Haiti. Stop by anytime between 10 and 1 to get your picture with Santa! Candy Canes and Cookies will be provided.

**"Prayers & Squares"** A prayer quilt group We are literally covering people in prayer. A prayer quilt is a lap blanket with ties. A prayer is said with each knot that is tied. All quilts are blessed by Father Staib. To request a prayer quilt to be made for someone or if you are interested in sewing for this group or donating fabric or would like to make contributions to this group, please contact Lorraine Morris at [lcmmorris0707@gmail.com](mailto:lcmmorris0707@gmail.com)



**First Friday Adoration** will be on Friday December 6. All are encouraged to pay a visit to the chapel throughout the day and spend some time in prayer. However, it is essential that there are people that are scheduled to be there each hour between 8:30AM and 7:00PM. Can you help by committing to 1 hour a month to spend with our Lord? Please contact Anita Becker at [ALANITABECKER@AOL.COM](mailto:ALANITABECKER@AOL.COM) or 919-280-8931 if interested.



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).



## 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, December 8th. 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.



## Diocesan News

Dr. Scott Hahn Talk Friday, February 28th, 7:30 PM Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Pinehurst <https://stpaulcenter.com/pinehurst/> Dr. Scott Hahn, founder and President of the St. Paul Center for Biblical Theology, is one of the world's leading biblical scholars, Catholic apologist, and a leader of the New Evangelization called for by Saint Pope John Paul II. DO NOT MISS this opportunity to hear a great motivational speaker and defender of the Catholic faith. Dr. Hahn has written 40+ books, speaks to thousands of persons each year, is frequently on EWTN, and has motivated hundreds to conversion in the Catholic Faith. Dr. Hahn will speak about Christ's Divine Mercy, Reconciliation, the Eucharist, and covenant relationship with God.



Change in Date for Ignited By Truth! The 17th annual Catholic conference will be held on April 18, 2020, at Reynolds Coliseum in Raleigh "bringing to light the truth of the teachings of the Catholic Church and igniting in all hearts a love for the Faith." Join our mailing list to receive the latest updates! [IgnitedByTruth.org](http://IgnitedByTruth.org)



"We were the couple who never fought. We don't like conflict so we just didn't talk. Never. Discussed. Issues." Sound familiar? **Retrouvaille** is a marriage help program that teaches effective communication. The presenting team, three couples and a priest, presents practical tools to enable you to take a good look at many areas of your relationship. They have been there and done that. They will tell you what worked for them. For confidential information or to apply to attend the program beginning with the weekend of February 14, 2020 call 800-470-2230 or email: [retrouvailleenc@msn.com](mailto:retrouvailleenc@msn.com) or visit the web site at [www.helpourmarriage.org](http://www.helpourmarriage.org).

**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. 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.



**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: 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](http://www.facebook.com/singleagainraleigh)

**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.



## Parish Athletics

### Spring Soccer (Apex-Cary)

**Grades:** Coed, Pre-K (3 year-olds) to 8th.

**Dates:** March - May.

**Practice Locations:** Apex or Cary, you pick.

**Game Locations:** Apex & Cary.

**Cost:** Pre-K - \$60; K - 8th grade - \$65; (includes medal, shirt, and picnic).

### Spring T-Ball and Machine Pitch Baseball (Apex)

**Grades:** Coed, Pre-K (4 year-olds) to 4<sup>th</sup>.

**Dates:** April - June.

**Practice Locations:** Apex only.

**Cost:** \$65 (includes medal, shirt, and end of year picnic).

[www.parishathleticsnc.org](http://www.parishathleticsnc.org)

## News From Other Organizations

**Tax Preparation Assistance Needed** The St. Andrew Tax Preparation Assistance Ministry is in need of additional volunteers for the upcoming tax season. This ministry prepares federal and state tax returns at St. Andrew on Saturday mornings starting in February at no charge. Training will be provided during information sessions on December 14 and January 12. New volunteers will be teamed with an experienced tax preparer as part of the training. No previous experience is necessary. Anyone with questions and those interested in joining can call Gerry Smith at 919-379-3922 or email [bronx57@aol.com](mailto:bronx57@aol.com). Your call will be returned promptly.

**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



**CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY SHOPPE CRAFT SHOW** St. Thomas More Catholic School presents its 16th annual Christmas Holiday Shoppe Craft Show on **Saturday, December 7 from 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.** in the elegant Friends and Family Hall of St. Thomas More Catholic Church, 940 Carmichael Street, Chapel Hill. Enjoy one-stop shopping with 65 talented artisans from across the state and find the perfect gift for everyone on your holiday shopping list! Holiday music, a raffle, bake sale and the Reindeer Cafe add festive flair. Free admission. All proceeds from Christmas Holiday Shoppe benefit St. Thomas More Catholic School and the enrichment of its educational programs. For more information, please visit <http://www.stmcnsnc.org> or <https://www.facebook.com/events/1487159788101493/>



**Catholic 540-AM, DIVINE MERCY RADIO** is a media sponsor of "Love and Mercy: Faustina", the new movie that shares the incredible true story of St. Faustina and the message of Divine Mercy. Parishioners can register online at [Catholic540AM.org](http://Catholic540AM.org) for a **chance to win free movie tickets** to a showing of the film on Monday, December 2nd at 7:00pm. Winners will be chosen and announced on Wednesday, Nov 27. Visit [Catholic540AM.org](http://Catholic540AM.org) for full details.



**High School Placement Test** - We are excited for students to apply to Cardinal Gibbons High School. All 2024 applicants must take the High School Placement Test (HSPT), and there are two opportunities to do so: December 7th and January 11th. Please visit our Website at [www.cghsnc.org/admissions/apply](http://www.cghsnc.org/admissions/apply) to sign up for the test. The next step is to complete the online application, which is due on January 3rd. We look forward to welcoming you to the Gibbons family. Please contact Marianne McCarty, Director of Admissions [mmccarty@cghsnc.org](mailto:mmccarty@cghsnc.org), with any questions.

**Gibbons Choral Department** will present the first concert at 7:30 p.m.; on Friday, Dec 6, in the Mainstage Theater. Earlier that day, the department will offer a Middle School Christmas Clinic for students in 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grades. The middle school students will perform with the Gibbons Choral Ensembles during the evening performance. Students attending the clinic need to arrive at Cardinal Gibbons by 1:00 p.m. Dinner will be provided for the students by the Cardinal Gibbons chorus parents. Both the clinic and concert are free of admission. Students can dress in comfortable clothing during the Christmas workshop. For the concert, the students need to dress in formal Christmas attire. If you have questions, please contact Choral Director Martha Zaldivar at [mzaldivar@cghsnc.org](mailto:mzaldivar@cghsnc.org).

**On Sunday, December 8**, Gibbons Music will present The Bettigole Christmas concert. It will feature performances by the percussion ensemble, symphonic band and wind ensemble, string orchestra, and guitar I-IV. Here are the times and location of each performance:

Mainstage Theater

1:00 - 1:45 PM: Percussion Ensembles

1:45 - 2:30 PM: Symphonic Band & Wind Ensemble

3:00 - 4:00 PM: String Orchestra

4:30 - 5:30 PM: Guitar II, III & IV

Studio Theater

2:00 - 4:30 PM: Guitar 1 Classes (30 Min Each)

For more information, please contact Mark Cashin

at [mcashin@cghsnc.org](mailto:mcashin@cghsnc.org) or Andy Hawks at [ahawks@cghsnc.org](mailto:ahawks@cghsnc.org)

## Pastor Al™



"He said he comes here to Pastor-ize the milk.  
He was just kidding, right, Mommy?"

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# hope

was born this night.....

## STMM Parish Advent Mission

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. Romans 15:13

**What:** Advent parish mission with special guest, nationally known Catholic speaker, Mary Bielski

**Who:** EVERYONE!!

**When:** Sunday, December 15th  
from 7:15 pm - 8:30 pm

**Where:** STMM church



**Joanne Martin**  
PROPERTIES

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