

# St. Mary Magdalene

CATHOLIC CHURCH



**Second Sunday  
of Advent  
December 8, 2019**



## REFLECTION

We live in a world in which prophecy has been swamped by prediction: the weather, elections, the stock market. But John the Baptist did not conduct polls; Isaiah's accuracy did not have a margin of plus or minus 3 percentage points.

Prophets simply tell the truth. And we focus on them during Advent because it is the season leading up to the greatest truth of all: God is with us. He is here, now. We are saved. It is an extraordinary message that all of us utterly ordinary Christians—parents, teachers, parishioners, pals—are supposed to pass along.

At baptism we were anointed to be prophets to one another and to the world, to bear witness to the great light, to burn with the Spirit and fire and to echo the voice of God at the heart of us. And yes, we may go unnoticed in our hometowns; but if we are lucky, we might raise an eyebrow in the kingdom of God. - Jeffrey Essmann from America Magazine

**Mass Today—18**

**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 December 8th, 15th, No Youth Mass—December 22nd, 29th

**Christmas Eve Masses**—3pm, 5pm, & 9pm, **Christmas Day Mass**—10am

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### Gathering:

O Love of God 301

### Psalm: 72

Lord every nation on earth, will adore you, O God. Lord every nation on earth will adore you.

### Preparation:

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## PASTOR'S PARAGRAPH

My Dear Friends,

During Advent I will use the Eucharistic Prayers for Reconciliation. These are appropriate for a Penitential Season. In another part of the bulletin is the list of Advent Penance Services. I will be at some of them.



Sunday December 8 is the feast of the Immaculate Conception of Mary. It is also our USA national patron feast.

There is a 2<sup>nd</sup> collection today for all the retired Sisters in our country. Members of our parish have always been generous for this collection.

There are envelopes in the pews to help us purchase flowers for Christmas and throughout the year. You are welcome to place names on the envelopes and we will publish these names in the Christmas bulletin.

The hackers are at it again! They have found ways to send emails from me to some in the parish asking to purchase money cards. I never email anyone for funds.

One of the groups helpful to me as Pastor is the Parish Council. They meet monthly and members serve for a term of 3 years. There will be 4 vacancies at the end of this year and during Advent we ask people to nominate themselves. There are yellow forms on the lobby tables. Please place the form in the collection basket. We will choose 4 new members early in the new year.

**CONFESSIONS:** There will be Confessions on Saturday December 7 at 10:30 and on Saturday December 14 at 10:30, after Baptisms.

Father Donald Staib

### IMPORTANT

### PARISH DATES

#### December

- 8—2nd Collection—Retired Religious
- 8—Photos with Santa after 9 & 10:45 Mass—Church Room 1
- 8—KofC Parish Breakfast—after 9am Mass—Dining Hall
- 8—Rosary for Life—10:10am—Chapel
- 8—Youth Mass—6pm
- 9—RCIA—7:30pm—Church Room 4
- 12—Family Rosary—7pm—Chapel
- 14—StMM Choir Carol Celebration—6pm—Church
- 15—PREP & Catechesis of Good Shepherd Programs off
- 15—Youth Mass—6pm
- 15—Parish Mission—7:15pm—Church
- 16—Catholic Senior Org—11am—Church Room 1 and 4
- 16—RCIA—7:30pm—Church Room 4
- 19—Family Rosary—7pm—Chapel
- 22—All Religious Ed Programs off this week
- 22—No Youth Mass
- 24—Christmas Eve Mass—3pm, 5pm, and 9pm
- 25—Christmas Day Mass—10am
- 29—All Religious Ed Programs off this week

#### January

- 1—Solemnity of Mary Mass—10am
- 5—Rosary for Life—10:10am—Chapel
- 5—Youth Mass—6pm

**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

- Dec 7—5pm—John Shane—Debbie Devers
- Dec 8—9am—John Santori & family—Richard & Theresa Kuzel & family
- Dec 8—10:45am—parishioners of StMM
- Dec 11—8:15am—Matthew Babinski—Garbarz Family
- Dec 13—8:15am—William L. Hicks—the Hicks Family

### 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.

*The annual financial report to the parish community is now available on the St MM Church website*

## Elementary Religious Ed

**Inclement Weather Policy** – PREP & Catechesis of the Good Shepherd does NOT follow the decisions made by the Wake County school system or StMM Catholic School. Decisions are made by the program coordinator. Once the decision is made to close the elementary programs, we notify WRAL with a posting. If you don't see StMM on the band running across the bottom of the television than it is safe to conclude that we are in session. When available we will also post it on the parish website as well as send an email to all registered program families.

**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 if you have not done so at the Parent First Reconciliation Meeting. First Reconciliation Date for StMM School Students is Thursday, February 6th from 10:00 am-11:00 am during the regular school day. Parents do not attend.

**Advent** Our Annual Gathering Prayer will begin today and continue on days we have class sessions. Upon arrival, please walk your child/ren to the Media Center where 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 Media Center.

**Christmas Holiday Schedule** - All PREP & Catechesis of the Good Shepherd programs are closed from Sunday, December 15th through Friday, January 3rd. Programs resume the week of January 5, 2020.

**First Reconciliation Retreat** is Saturday, February 1, 2020 for all students in Grade 2 & the Wednesday Evening Intermediate Sacrament Program from 8:30 am-12 noon in the Activities Building.

**First Eucharist Retreat** is Saturday, May 2, 2020 for all students in Grade 2 & Wednesday Evening Intermediate Sacrament Program from 8:30 – 12:00 noon in the Activities Building.

**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 First Eucharist Parent meetings.



**Rock Calendar:** There are no ROCK sessions on Sunday, December 22<sup>nd</sup> and Sunday, December 29<sup>th</sup>. The program will resume the week of January 5th, 2020.

**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 12/8/19 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 ANGEL TREE GIFTS ARE DUE THIS SUNDAY IN THE CAFETERIA!

**THIS IS A SEPARATE ANGEL TREE PROJECT FROM THE ONE IN THE CHURCH LOBBY.**

*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 15th. 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 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:

**3/1, 3/8, 3/15, 3/22, AND 4/5**

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>

## 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.

## Advent Penance Services

December 9 at 11 a.m.	Saint Michael, Cary
December 11 at 7 p.m.	Saint Bernadette Fuquay Varina
December 17 at 7 p.m.	Holy Name of Jesus Cathedral,
December 18 at 11 a.m.	Saint Bernadette Fuquay Varina



## Today's Announcements



The **STMM Choir** will be hosting a Caroling and Christmas music event on December 14<sup>th</sup>, following the 5:00pm Mass. You are cordially invited to join us in the Church for some traditional Christmas music and to sing along with your favorite carols. Please join us if you can, the event will last about an hour. There is no better way to get you into the spirit of the season!



The **Angel Tree** will be in the lobby filled with ornaments for needy children and families from several Wake County non-profit organizations beginning this Saturday, November 30<sup>th</sup>. Please attach the ornament to the gift/food/contribution to help us track all donations. Feel free to wrap or bag gifts for the children (star tags). No other gifts should be wrapped. **All contributions should be placed under the tree no later than 10:45am on Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>.**

**Discipleship Quad Information Meeting** - Sunday 12/8 between the 9am and 10:45am mass in Room 3. A Discipleship Quad is a group of four people who journey together as disciples through weekly gatherings of fellowship, ongoing conversion, and learning. If you are a person who has a desire to grow in faith as a Catholic and also learn how to share the gospel with others, this is for you! Come ask questions and learn how to get one started. It is FREE. For more information, go to <https://steubenvilleconferences.com/discipleship-quads/>. If you still have questions or cannot make the meeting, send an email to Laura Werner at [steubenvillemissionNC@gmail.com](mailto:steubenvillemissionNC@gmail.com).

**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** at [werjoe@aol.com](mailto:werjoe@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, [gmmomfr@gmail.com](mailto:gmmomfr@gmail.com).



### Become a Monarch! Apply Now!

Applications for the 2020-2021 school year are available on our Admissions website: <http://school.stmm.net/admissions/>. Need more info? Call Lydia Binanay at 919-657-4800 ext. 7296 for a tour of our campus.



**RCIA** - We celebrate the Rite of Welcoming and Rite of Acceptance this week at the 10:45 am Sunday Mass. These adults are progressing toward receiving full communion with the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil, when they will complete their Sacraments of Initiation. The RCIA process continues Monday, Dec. 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm in Church Room 4. This Monday's discussion topic is: Gospel of Matthew and The Incarnation. Question please contact Kathy or Scott Strednak at [RCIA@stmm.me](mailto:RCIA@stmm.me).

Visit The Halle Cultural Arts Center between December 6-19 to support **Western Wake Crisis Ministry** by bidding on a tree & wreath donated by STMM groups! St. Mary Magdalene School & STMM Youth Ministry Band donated items to benefit WWCM! All proceeds go to WWCM! WWCM's mission is "actively working with those in crisis, helping them gain stability through basic supports for food, financial/housing assistance, education, and opportunity." Bidding on the trees and wreaths ends on December 19 at 1pm. The Halle Cultural Arts Center is located at 237 N. Salem Street in Downtown Apex.





**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 January 3. 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).



**Second Grade St. Nick Shoe and Sock Drive December 3-10<sup>th</sup>** - During this season of giving, we are asking you to help families in need by donating new or gently used shoes/sneakers, new socks, and new men's work boots. Donations can be placed inside the boxes located in the school lobby. Please tie shoelaces together or put them in a plastic bag. Brown Bag Ministry distributes all of our donations. Thank you for supporting this important service project.



## Diocesan News

Dr. Scott Hahn Talk Friday, February 28<sup>th</sup>, 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 17<sup>th</sup> 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)



The **Retrouvaille Program** is for married couples facing difficult challenges in their relationship to restore their marriage and rebuild a loving relationship. It is a Christian marriage program, Catholic in origin, where couples of all faiths or no faith background attend. Presenters are not trained marriage counselors. This is a peer based ministry. *The presenters have all been there, done that and worse.* They offer practical tools that they themselves used to rediscover their love. For confidential information or to apply to attend the program beginning with the weekend of February 14 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).



**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.



**Room At The Inn** of the is in need of \$25 gift cards for Target and Walmart for use as Christmas gifts for the mothers in the program. Cards can be mailed to: PO Box 13936, Greensboro, NC 27415 Thank you for helping to make room at the inn for single homeless pregnant women in our community this Christmas!



## Respect Life News

Beginning January 5, the 10:10am Rosary for Life will be held the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of each month (instead of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday). Please join our group to pray the Rosary for Life in the Chapel. The Rosary is the best, most effective weapon we have to fight the culture of death so prevalent today in our society.

\$4,193.02 was collected by St. Mary Magdalene's for it's 2019 Baby Bottle Fundraiser! (Church: \$3,779.52; School: \$413.50) Thank you from StMM Respect Life to all contributors and volunteers. Thank you also, from Eileen Mayhew at Birthchoice Pregnancy Center. [www.birthchoicewake.org](http://www.birthchoicewake.org)

Please mark your calendar for the upcoming March for Life events: NC Rally and March for Life – Saturday, **January 18, 2020**, Raleigh, NC and 47<sup>th</sup> March for Life - Friday, **January 24, 2020**, National Mall, Washington, DC.

If you have any questions regarding StMM Respect Life please feel free to contact Paula Hils [phils@bellsouth.net](mailto:phils@bellsouth.net) or Jane Breslin [breslinjane@verizon.net](mailto:breslinjane@verizon.net)



## 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 4th.

**Dates:** April - June.

**Practice Locations:** Apex only.

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

### Spring Softcrosse (Apex)

**Grades:** Coed, K thru 5th.

**Dates:** April - June (6 weeks).

**Days/Times:** Sunday afternoons.

**Location:** Apex.

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

**Equipment needed:** Stick and mouth guard.

[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



**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.cgshsnc.org/admissions/apply](http://www.cgshsnc.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@cgshsnc.org](mailto:mmccarty@cgshsnc.org), with any questions.

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



### John 6:35 Eucharistic Youth Retreat

February 7, 8, & 9, 2020 at St. Thomas More Academy, Raleigh. **Registration is now open** All youth, ages 13-18, are welcome to come and deepen their faith as they are led to a personal encounter with

the Eucharistic Heart of Jesus. There will be Mass, adoration, praise and worship, talks, and workshops throughout the weekend. In addition, everyone will have an opportunity to receive God's mercy through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Registration forms, schedule and speaker information can be found at [john635retreat.org](http://john635retreat.org). Don't delay limited capacity at 175 participants.



Catholic Parish Outreach  
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Give gifts that reflect the true meaning of Christmas! Catholic Parish Outreach Christmas Honor Cards- Did you know that last year CPO gave food and children's clothes to 8,700 people a month? Honor the special people on your holiday gift list by making a donation to CPO. We will send a beautiful Christmas honor card designed by 17 year old CPO Volunteer Natalia Barnack to everyone on your gift list. Information on how to order the cards can be found at [www.cporaleigh.org](http://www.cporaleigh.org) or call Catholic Parish Outreach at 919-873-0245 x230.

## Pastor Al



"Tell me, is this the first time you've planned a children's Mass?"

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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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