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Proclaim God's marvelous deeds. Proclaim God's marvelous deeds. Proclaim God's marvelous deeds to all the nations.

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PASTOR'S PARAGRAPH

My Dear Friends,

This weekend I have gone off to have a belated Christmas visit with family. I will return Tuesday evening. Today I am grateful to Father Lourduraj Alapaty who will be with you for the weekend Masses. Father is the Catholic Chaplain at Wake Hospital in Raleigh.

I am grateful for our parish staff who will coordinate the Communion Services on weekday mornings.

BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL – Our parish goal is \$191,507, the same as last year. If you have received a mailing from the Diocese – you can put it in our collection basket. Thank you to those who already did.

I will begin a public request for funds on the weekend of January 26-27; the process will be the same as previous years. You have always been generous to this BAA which is so helpful to Catholic Charities and to the education of seminarians.

CONFESSIONS: There will not be Confessions on Saturday on January 19. There will be Confessions on Saturday January 26, after Baptisms.

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	Mass Intentions
I MPORTANT	Jan 25—8:15am—Frank Lanuti—Deborah Lanuti
Parish Dates	For Mass Intentions/Mass Cards—Call the Parish Office
January 20—No Youth Mass	*****
20—No Four Mass 21—RCIA—No evening session	SACRAMENTS
27—Second Collection—Church in Latin America 27—Safe Environment Training 27—Youth Mass—6pm 28—RCIA—7:30pm—Church Room 4 31—Speaking with Sparrows Fundraising Event— 7pm—Chapel	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 Satur- days or at weekend Masses. Baptisms are not encouraged during Lent which begins on March 6 this year. Baptisms are welcome at the Easter Sunday Masses.
February 1—Adoration—8:30am—7pm—Chapel	CONFESSIONS – Always check the Pastor's Paragraph in the weekly
2—Welcome Dinner—6pm—Dining Hall 3—No Youth Mass 4—RCIA—7:30pm—Church Room 4	Bulletin or our E-News mailed on Fridays. Confessions are usually, but not every week, at 10:30am on Saturdays in the Church.
9—Wedding Volunteer Training—10am 10—EM Training—2—4pm—Church Room 4	WEDDINGS – See the Guidelines on the Website – then email the Pastor.
10—Youth Mass—6pm 11—Safe Environment Training	***************************************
11—Parish Council Meeting—7:30pm—Church Room 1	FINANCIAL MATTERS
11—RCIA—7:30pm—Church Room 4	OUR NEW CHURCH – We have the obligation to make large monthly payments for 14 years for the construction of the church. In addition we
Deadline for Bulletin submission is the Wednesday Morning prior to the weekend of publication (Send bulletin requests to info@stmm.net)	are challenged to respond to new parish endeavors in all our parish pro- grams. 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.





Inclement Weather Policy - As stated on the parish website religious education page as well as on the class session calendar, the elementary program 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 site as well as send an email to all registered program families.

Catechetical Corner

Sunday Grade 2 Families - You need to sign up for child's First Reconciliation. Your choices are Tuesday, February 5th at 5p Or 6:30p OR Wednesday, February 6th at 5p OR 6:30p Please contact Suzanne Will at will@stmm.net with your choice this week.

All Grade 2 Families – This Week: January 20th, 22nd & 23rd we begin again with donations of toilet paper to benefit the poor of Wake County in support of Catholic Parish Outreach. All contributions can be left before or after Religious Education classes in the lobby of the Education Building. Please be as generous as your means will allow.

First Reconciliation Retreat is Saturday, February 2nd for students in Grade 2 & the Wednesday Evening Intermediate Sacramental Program from 8:30am-12noon. The retreat will take place in the Activities Building. You will be receiving an email in January with general information about the retreat. Separate emails will be sent to all who have volunteered to help at the retreat.

First Reconciliation Dates are Tuesday, February 5th at 5p & 6:30p and Wednesday, February 6th at 5p & 6:30p for all students in our StMM Religious Education Program. StMM School Students are receiving on Thursday, February 7th at 10am.

First Eucharist Dates are May 11th/12th & May 18th/19th at all weekend liturgies. Parents can sign up for their choice at the Reconciliation Retreat on Saturday, February 2, 2019.

All our programs serve only registered contributing families who use the electronic draft or envelope system.

Contact Suzanne - will@stmm.net with your questions.





Youth Ministry

All STMM YM programs are off this Sunday, 1/20/19 for MLK, Jr weekend There is no youth mass this Sunday, we'll return with our normal schedule on 1/27/19 Please keep in your prayers all our teens & adults who are away this weekend on our Guys & Girls High School Retreats.

Help build a house in Haiti!: Our teens have raised \$2500 which means we have \$1100 to go!!! If you do not have a teen in one of our programs but you'd like to contribute to this effort, you can go to this link and select the fund "House in Haiti": https://secure.accessacs.com/access/oglogin.aspxsn? =102397&f. StMM Youth Ministry programs are teaming up to build a house in Jeremie, Haiti through the group, Haiti Mission Inc. You can learn more about this organization on their website at http:// www.haitimissioninc.com. We are challenging every teen who is registered in either the EDGE, The Way, and Apostello to donate \$7.25 between now and April 1st. This would give us the \$3,750 to partner with HMI and provide a safe new home for a family in Haiti. In April 2018 Janine and Liz went on a mission trip to Haiti and saw first hand the incredibly life changing work HMI is doing in the Jeremie area and felt a strong call to connect our STMM YM teens & families with HMI. Anybody can donate to this cause and if we raise more than the 3750 minimum, we'll build two houses! Our vision is for our community to accompany the people of Jeremie and join HMI in their mission of moving people from despair into poverty. Thank you for your support!

High School Retreat: Spots remain open for 11th/12th graders! February 1st-3rd, 2019. This retreat is our 2nd co-ed high school retreat of this school year and it's being held at Camp Caraway in Asheboro, NC. This year's retreat is being led by our good friend & amazing speaker, Mary Bielski. Worship is being led by the incredibly talented & 'tiny but mighty" Rita West. This dynamic duo does an amazing job leading our high school retreats & we are thrilled to have them returning again this year. This retreat is open to any one in grades 9th-12th. 11th/12th graders stay in separate housing from 9th/10th graders. The weekend includes time for prayer, fun, activities such as: paintball, zip lining, rock wall climbing, Gaga ball, and Bazooka Ball. Any teen in High School can come on this retreat no matter what church or denomination they are, all are welcome so invite a friend to come too! This retreat does meet the Confirmation retreat requirement. To secure your spot, please turn in the paper form below along with a 50% deposit to Liz Sams either on Sunday at The Way at the table in the lobby, or you can drop it in the mail to: STMM, Attn: Liz Sams, 625 Magdala Place, Apex, NC 27502. In order to treat everyone fairly, a spot cannot be held without a 50% deposit and a fully completed form physically received together.. 11th and 12th grade teens usually carpool with core team leaders or each other to the retreat if their parents give permission. All the logistics for the retreat are on the retreat registration form.

All these retreat forms can be found on this website: <u>http://www.stmm.church/religious-ed/highschool.cfm</u>

Don't drop off and Drive away!:StMM Youth Ministry is excited to announce we are offering time for our parents to park the car and come inside on Sundays for their own time to grow in their faith & community. There is no sign ups, just come when you can. Come for some or come for all of the sessions! This is meant to be a low stress opportunity for you to continue on your own journey while your teen is in their StMM YM program. Many of us, as parents, have never been evangelized and we cannot give to our own children what we do not have so we are trying to provide these opportunities where we can come together and build up our adult community as well as our teens. The topic for these sessions is exploring encounters with Jesus as shared in the Gospel of John. In each story the people are transformed by their encounters with Christ. These sessions will be held during the EDGE/ Apostello from 4:30pm-5:45pm & during The Way from 7:15pm-8:30pm all in Room #3 in the Church building. The sessions will be facilitated by Mary Carey, Paula Hils, and Kathy Lynch. They will be held on the following dates: 1/27/19, 2/17/19, 3/3/19, 3/17/19, 3/31/19



RCIA

RCIA does not meet on January 21st. The next session is January 28th from 7:30—8:30 pm in Church Room 4. Topic: Conversion 7 Reconciliation. Questions please contact <u>rcia@stmm.net</u>.



Today's Announcements



Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW) is co-op ministry is geared for children ages 3 years to first grade, guiding them through a portion of the Mass in a prayerful, kid-centered way. We would be delighted to have your family join us! Please be sure to register your child(ren)

to participate by emailing our ministry at <u>stmmclow@gmail.com</u>, as all parents will need to use the online sign-up to **serve as parent assistant or C-Level leader** throughout the year. Thank you for helping to make this ministry flourish!



Do you love weddings? Would you like to become a member of the Wedding Ministry? A training for new wedding ministry volunteers and existing volunteers looking for a refresher will be held on Saturday Feb 9th at 10am. The

session will cover volunteer responsibilities during the rehearsal and ceremony as well as information about becoming a Mentor Couple. If you are interested in joining this fun and rewarding ministry, sign up by sending an e-mail to <u>weddings@stmm.net</u>.



Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion in the Sacred Liturgy Training date is set for Sunday, February 10th from 2p-4p in Church Room 4.Use the entrance behind the statue of Jonah on the piazza.

Contact Lisa at <u>lisa.westberg@duke-energy.com</u> by Friday, February 8, if attending.

Live stream StMM's 10:45am Mass at: <u>https://www.youtube.com/</u> <u>channel/UC7wpkWA5NgzXgQgmlxtNRZA?view as=subscriber</u> or Search YouTube for 'STMM CHURCH LIVE.'

StMM Girl Scouts will be selling cookies in the narthex after all Masses Jan 19/20. All boxes are \$4 again this year. In addition to your favorite flavors, we have a new delicious caramel chocolate chip cookie that is both gluten-free and nut free! We will also be taking donations for Operation Cookie Drop, a cookie donation program for active military members. Thank you for supporting us!



KofC council 7186 is honoring the Novena for Life from 1/14 to 1/22. Please join us each evening at 7pm in the StMM Chapel for the daily Novena prayer

and pro-life Rosary. If unable to join us, but still interested, the program can be found at: <u>http://www.usccb.org/about/pro-life-activities/</u> january-roe-events/9-days-for-life-press-kit.cfm. We will be using this Prayer option: <u>http://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/prayers-and-</u> devotions/prayers/novena-to-three-american-saints-for-life.cfm

Lost & Found Table— Please check the table in the Narthex for any missing items.



StMM Daytime Bible Study For March/April 2019 -Please consider joining us for a short study on the book of Ruth. Tuesdays 1-3 PM; March 12, 19, 26, April 2, 2019 Cost \$15. Let me know if you would like to join us. Con-

tact: Laurie Wendt lauriewendt@gmail.com or 919-303-5433

Adult Confirmation, 2019 - Adults over the age of 18 who are baptized Catholics and have received their First Reconciliation / First Eucharist as children and are interested in completing their initiation into the Catholic Church by preparing for and receiving the sacrament of Confirmation, please contact <u>rondatroywatts@gmail.com</u>. The sacrament will be celebrated the weekend of June 8/9 on the Feast of Pentecost here at StMM . Father Staib will be the celebrant.



Safe Environment Training - Adults who wish to volunteer with youth at StMM are required to fill out a volunteer application and attend Safe Environment Training. Our next sessions are Sun, 1/27 at 12noon; Mon, 2/11 at 6:30pm. The session will last approx. 2 hours and is for adults only as the presentation is not

appropriate for children. **Must register to attend.** Email Bertha Smith (<u>bsmith@stmm.net</u>) to register and for meeting room.



A soup and salad welcome meal for new members of the parish will be held Saturday Feb 2nd in the St Martha hall (the activities building cafeteria) immediately after the 5pm Mass. We encourage representatives of St Mary Magdalene 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 <u>919-303-5803</u>.



Scout Sunday – February 3rd. The Knights of Columbus are sponsoring an event to recognize and celebrate our parish's Scouts (Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Cub Scouts and their leaders) at the 9am Mass on Sunday, February 3rd. At the conclusion of the Mass, the Knights will provide refreshments for the Scouts and their families in the cafeteria. There

will be a special handout at the Mass listing the Scouts participating in the event. To be included in the handout, please provide the following information to <u>stmm.scoutsunday@gmail.com</u> by January 27th: name, unit type, unit number, rank or position and any religious award/emblem received in the past year. Scouts are asked to attend the event in uniform. Information submissions should receive a confirmation of receipt email within 48 hours. If not, please contact Ben Ryan at 919-924-4888.



St. Mary Magdalene School is now accepting applications for all grades. In addition to grades K-8 we also offer full-day and half-day preschool for children that are 3 and 4. We offer a loving environment with teacher

assistants in the classrooms through grade 3, a full arts program including band and drama, textbooks in all subjects, and very low staff turnover. Financial assistance is available to registered parishioners that have demonstrated their stewardship to the parish. We also participate in the NC Opportunity Scholarship and Disability Grant programs. Email now to set up a time to visit the school: <u>admissions@stmm.net</u> or check out our website at <u>www.stmm.net</u>. We look forward to meeting your family!



Next week, we will take up the Collection for the Church in Latin America. For many in Latin America and the Caribbean, a rising secular culture, difficult rural terrain, and a shortage of ministers present obstacles to practicing the faith. Your support pro-

vides lay leadership training, catechesis, priestly and religious formation, and other programs to share our faith with those who long to hear the Good news of Christ. To learn more about how you can make a difference, <u>please visit www.usccb.org/latin-america</u>.





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, February 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.



Diocesan News

Many husbands and wives seem to be "married" to their career, computer, TV, sports or their children. Re-examine your married lifestyle and priorities by attending a **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend**. It is a posi-

tive, simple common sense, private experience between you and your spouse, that revitalizes marriage by helping you to see again those loving qualities in each other that you may be taking for granted. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends are Mar 1-3 in Hickory and Feb 1-3 in Columbia. Early sign up is recommended. For more information visit our website at: <u>https://</u> <u>NCMarriageDiscovery.org</u> or contact us at <u>applications@NCMarriageDiscovery.org</u> or 704-315-2144.



Holy Family Perpetual Adoration Chapel at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church 2718 Overbrook Drive in Raleigh is YOUR Adoration Chapel, open 24 hours/7 days a week. Visit Our Lord in an intimate time of prayer, any time you want. Go to our website at <u>www.ourladyoflourdescc.org</u> for more details and to sign up for a Holy Hour—which is a weekly appointment with Jesus. It will be the best time

you spend on Earth. Are you called?

The Vocations Office announces this year's **Annual Seminary Pilgrimage**. It will take place February 8-10th, 2019. With a Pastor's recommendation, this is open to all men discerning a call to the Priesthood who are between the ages of 17 and 35. Thank you for encouraging young men from our parish who may be discerning a call to the Priesthood and for your prayers for our seminarians. If you have been thinking about the Priesthood, this is a perfect way to see what seminary is like and begin discerning your call. For more information, please visit the website <u>NCPRIEST.ORG</u>, email <u>vocations@raldioc.org</u>, or call 919-821-9731. The registration deadline is January 27, 2019. **Mass honoring Martin Luther King Jr**. We invite you to join Bishop Luis Rafael Zarama for Mass to honor Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. on Monday, January 21 at 10am at Holy Name of Jesus Cathedral, Raleigh. Event is open to the public.

RETROUVAILLE Thinking about Separation or Divorce? – Is your marriage or that of a relative or friend heading for divorce? Do you feel helpless to do anything about it? Retrouvaille is designed to help troubled marriages regain their health by helping spouses rediscover the love, trust and commitment that originally brought them together. The program is highly successful in saving hurting marriages, even bringing reconciliation to couples who have already separated or divorced. For confidential information or to apply to attend the program beginning with a weekend on February 15 call 800-470-2230 or email: retrouvaillenc@msn.com or visit the web site at www.retrouvaille.org.



Calling all Catholic Men to the Knights of Columbus "A Catholic Fraternal Service Organization"

Your Knights at StMM Council 7186 have been active in: Hurricane Florence relief, CPO Food Drive, Coats for Kids, Building the Domestic Church, StMM Parish Projects, Visiting Seniors, Serving meals at Men's Homeless Shelter. *Are You Being Called? Please join us to help those in need.*

Event: Speaking to Sparrows Screening Fundraiser - StMM KOC Council 7168 is hosting a showing of Speaking to Sparrows as a fundraiser for Project Light and their continued efforts to create impactful resources for our youth and their parents. Fundraiser will be held on <u>Thursday Jan 31st in StMM Chapel at 7-9:30pm</u> for Knights and StMM Adult Parishioners. Link to purchasing tickets is as follows: <u>https://www.eventbrite.com/o/project-light-ministries-15478073360</u>

Event: Novena for Life - KofC council 7186 is hosting a Novena for Life from Jan 14th thru Jan 22nd nightly in the StMM Chapel at 7pm for the daily Novena Prayer and Rosary. If unable join us in the Chapel, you can find each day's prayers here. <u>http://</u> www.usccb.org/about/pro-life-activities/january-roe-events/ninedays-of-prayer-penance-and-pilgrimage.cfm

<u>Event</u>: Brookridge Assisted Living Resident Visits in Apex -KofC council have decided to visit the residents of the Brookridge Assisted Living Facility in Apex on the <u>fourth Saturday of every</u> <u>month in 2019</u>. There will be two time slots available 10:30 am and 3:30 pm. Attached is the sign-up. Hope to see you there! there! <u>https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0a4cacaf292-brookridge</u>

For more information to becoming a Knight:

Visit our website: <u>http://kofc7186.org</u> **Contact:** Grand Knight (Tom Blum) at <u>gkkofc7186@gmail.com</u> or our Membership Committee at <u>MembershipKofC7186@gmail.com</u>

- Monday Jan 14 Tuesday Jan 22: Novena for Life (7pm in StMM Chapel)
- Saturday Jan 26th: Brookridge Assisted Living Resident Visits in Apex (10:30am & 3:00pm)
- Thursday Jan 31st: Speaking to Sparrows Screening Fundraiser (7pm-9:30pm in StMM Chapel) for Knights & StMM Adult Parishioners

News From Other Organizations

Catholic Charities has partnered with the Carolina Hurricanes to raise funds for Hurricane Florence recovery efforts. Cheer on the Hurricanes on Friday, February 1st at 7:05 p.m. as they take on the Vegas Golden Knights at PNC Arena. The Hurri-



canes will donate \$5 for ticket purchased to help Catholic Charities continue to serve our neighbors in need. For more information, please visit <u>www.CatholicCharitiesRaleigh.org/</u> <u>HurricanesHockey</u> or contact Daniel Altenau at (919) 821-9767 or at <u>Daniel.Altenau@raldioc.org</u>.

Haiti Mission Trip-In April 2018, St Mary Magdalene's youth ministers, Janine McGann & Liz Sams, went on an incredible mission trip to Jeremie, Haiti with a group run by Haiti Mission Inc out of Louisiana. You can learn more about this organization at their website: http://www.haitimissioninc.com/. The experience of being in a 3rd world country was something that impacted both of them profoundly & changed their hearts forever. Haiti Mission has been contacted our parish to let us know that their upcoming trip in April 2019 has 4 openings & they have asked us to advertise it with our parishioners to see if anyone would like to be a part of that trip. The trip will run from April 8th-16th and costs b/t \$1600-\$1700. This cost includes all of your costs associated with the trip, including your round trip airfare from RDU to Haiti. This trip is open to adults, young adults, and if a parent would like to bring their teenager they can do that as well. If you are interested in this trip, please contact David Fakier at raoulrad@aol.com. If you have some questions you'd like to ask of somebody who has already gone on this mission trip, you may contact either Janine or Liz & they'd be happy to answer any questions you may have.



Choices:

For many families, talking about death is a difficult to impossible conversation. Yet, as we all know, death is an inevitable event. The Choice we have is to make that event as easy as possible for our spouse & family to manage through. The Choice of burial, cremation or entombment alone can be a challenging decision. From that base, the Choices range from the provider of services, to the readings that will be chosen for the funeral mass. All the Choices can be discussed and recorded with the Church so that your spouse & family can give their attention to grieving, family, friends, and the caring community of support. Your input to the Choices made can give comfort to your family that your wishes were known and to the best of their ability met.

In the coming weeks, St. Mary Magdalene will be holding information sessions on the aspects of cremation, and the process of obtaining a niche in the St. MM Columbarium. We will also have Apex Funeral Home (Dignity) present their information on pre-planning.

Both of these information sessions are trying to provide you input to Choices that will inevitably need to be made.



Parish Bookkeeper

JOB OPENING – Our 'bookkeeper from the very beginning' has been Ann Cadran. Ann installed the bookkeeping system and has been able to keep track of all our money over all these years. Our parish is most grateful for her service. Ann will retire this summer and we are looking for a new part time bookkeeper. For a more detailed Job Description visit: <u>http://www.stmm.church/editoruploads/files/Forms/</u> <u>Parish_Book_keeper.pdf</u>. Candidates should send resume to jobs@stmm.net.

Parish Athletics Spring Sports

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. Note: Pre-k players have a combined practice/game on Saturdays. Kindergarteners - 8th graders have one weekday practice per week and weekend games.

Spring T-Ball and Machine Pitch Baseball (Apex) - Grades: Coed; PreK (4 year olds) to 4th. Dates: April – June. Practice Locations: Apex only. Cost: \$65 (includes medal, shirt, and end of year picnic). Note: PreK players have a combined practice/game on Saturdays. K-4th grade will have one weekday practice and a game on Saturday.

Spring Softcross (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.

For more information, www.parishathleticsnc.org



FINDING COURAGE TO CONFRONT THE UNCOMFORTABLE

speaks

Join us for a special screening & fundraising event, hosted by the Saint Mary Magdalene Father Charles Mulholland KOC Council 7186 in Apex, NC.

Tickets can be purchased at www.eventbrite.com and searching for Speaking to Sparrows in Apex, NC & are \$10.00 each.

Adults only please When: January 31st, Doors open at 6:30pm Where: St. Mary Magdalene Chapel

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