

PASTOR'S PARAGRAPH

My Dear Friends,



Thank you for your generous gifts to last week's 2nd Collection for our church in Latin America. We received \$4,155.

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 responded. If each parish household gives/pledges \$187 we will meet our goal.

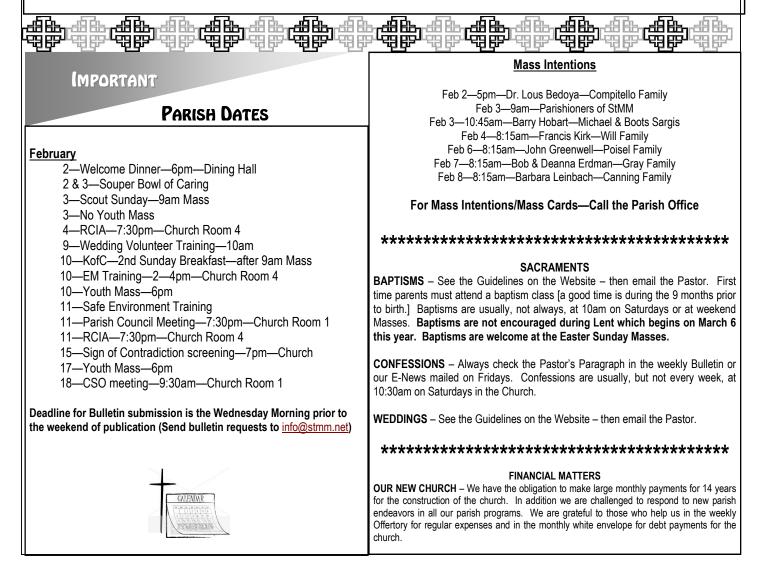
We have received pledges/gifts from 272 households of the parish. This year reporting will be delayed because of extra security precautions the diocese is taking with your donations, especially credit cards.

Today we will continue our public request for funds. At the beginning of the sermon ushers will help to distribute forms that you can use to make a gift or a pledge. Place the form in the collection at Offertory time. Our process is 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.

We keep in our prayers the children of our parish who will make their First Confessions this coming week. On Saturday they had their day of Reflection to prepare for this event.

CONFESSIONS: There will be Confessions on Saturday February 2 and on Saturday February 9, after Baptisms.

Father Donald Staib





Catechetical Corner

Many thanks to all who participated in the Reconciliation Retreat. Our second grade children will be receiving the sacrament of Reconciliation this week. Please pray for God's mercy and grace on them.

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.

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.

First Communion Parent Meetings are set for Monday, March 11, 2019 at 10:30 am **OR** 7:00 pm in the church Room 3. The same meeting is repeated on Tuesday, March 12, 2019 at 10:30 am **OR** 7:00 pm in the church Room 3. Only one parent needs to attend one meeting. If you attended this sacrament meeting in 2017 or 2018 you do not need to attend. However, all parents need to sign up for their liturgy choice that week with Suzanne. You will be required to submit a guest number including your immediate family and the first communicant at this time. There are many materials to pick up the week of the meetings, so please stop by the Parish Office.

First Eucharist Dates are May 11th/12th & May 18th/19th at all weekend liturgies. Parents can sign up for their choice of liturgy at the First Eucharist Parent Meetings (see above for details).

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

Please direct all questions to Suzanne - will@stmm.net



Edge & The Way are off this Sunday 2/3/19 due to the High School Retreat 115 teens & adults are on retreat this weekend in Asheboro, NC Please pray for us! We'll resume our normal schedule on 2/10

If you have a teen in year 2 of preparation/receiving the sacrament of Confirmation on May 15th, 2019 and have not created the online account for the electronic confirmation paperwork, please email Vicki at <u>stmm.confirmation@kristoffs.com</u>

St. Mary Magdalene's 2018 Confirmation liturgy will be held on Wednesday, May 15th in the church at 6:30pm.

If you have a teen who is currently in 8th/9th/10th/11th grade who will be entering either year 1 or year 2 of Confirmation preparation at STMM in the 2019-2020 school year, please be aware that it is required by our parish that you attend a Parent Confirmation Workshop. We offer 3 of them every year and it is required that 1 parent attend 1 of the 3 sessions offered. To see the complete list of Diocesan Guidelines for receiving the sacrament of Confirmation, please go to this link: http://www.stmm.church/religious-ed/way.cfm

The dates for the 2019 Parent Confirmation Workshops are as follows: March 13th, April 11th, & May 2nd. All the workshops will be held at 7:30pm in Room #3 of the church.

Help build a house in Haitil: Our teens have raised \$2800 which means we have \$800 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 organization on their website at http:// this 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!

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:

2/17/19, 3/3/19, 3/17/19, 3/31/19





RCIA

The next RCIA session is February 4th from 7:30-8:30 pm in Church Room 4. Topic: The Church. Questions please contact rcia@stmm.net.



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 stmmclow@gmail.com, 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 weddings@stmm.net.



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 lisa.westberg@duke-energy.com by

Friday, February 8, if attending.

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. Contact: 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 rondatroywatts@gmail.com. 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.



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 Seniors place Monday, Feb 18, 9:30 - 11:00am, in Church meeting room #1. For more information, please contact

Miriam Moore, miriamdel79@yahoo.com, 919-387-8676 or Fran Hughes, gmomfran@gmail.com.

Live stream StMM's 10:45am Mass at: https://www.youtube.com/ channel/UC7wpkWA5NgzXgQgmIxtNRZA?view as=subscriber or Search YouTube for 'STMM CHURCH LIVE.'



Tax statements are available online Please follow the directions for printing your statement on our website. www.stmm.church/Tax_statement_instructions_2018.pdf. If you have any questions, contact prewitt@stmm.net.

919-657-4800 x7281.



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 session is 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 regis-

ter to attend. Email Bertha Smith (bsmith@stmm.net) to register and for meeting room.



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: admissions@stmm.net or check out our website at www.stmm.net. We look forward to meeting your family!



M The Nationwide SOUPER BOWL OF CAR-ING "tackle hunger" event will take place at St. Mary Magdalene Church at all masses on Super Bowl weekend, February 2nd & 3rd. More than \$90 million has been raised

for local charities across the country through Souper Bowl of Caring. The time around Super Bowl weekend has been transformed into the nation's largest celebration of giving and serving. Please be part of this movement that is sharing God's love with those in need. We are collecting CANS OF SOUP and DOLLAR DONA-TIONS before and after all masses on Super Bowl weekend. Proceeds will benefit Catholic Parish Outreach (CPO) food pantry and Western Wake Crisis Ministry (WWCM) food pantry.



KofC Free Throw Championship! All boys and girls ages 9 -14 are invited to take their best shot and earn prizes in the 2019 Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship on Saturday, February 23 beginning at 9:15 am in the gymnasium. Details at www.kofc7186.org/youth or contact David Tate at tatedavid2001@gmail.com or 980-428-1750.



The latest (Fall) brick order has been installed in front of the Activity Building.



The StMM Habitat Ministry is in search of volunteers to help "Rock the Block"! This we will help several families by repairing homes in Fuguay-Varina for homeowners who struggle to maintain their homes. We will join the Southwest Wake Coalition work on 10 home preser-

vation projects over 2 weeks (Thursday - Saturday) Feb. 21-23 and Feb. 28 - March 2. Join us, put your faith in action and make an impact in your community. We need volunteers for both weekends. Volunteers must be 16 or older. If you are interested please contact Terry Loding at stmmhabitat@gmail.com or 919-376-6714



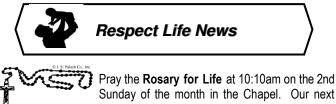
Thank you for your generous support last week of the Collection for the Church in Latin America. It will be used to share the faith with our brothers and sisters in Latin America and the Caribbean so

they in turn can share it with others. If you missed the collec-Visit www.usccb.org/ tion, it's not too late to give! national collections and click "How to Give" on the left. Your gift makes a difference!



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament/Eucharistic Adoration-StMM has Adoration available every Friday in the Chapel after daily Mass. On the First Friday of each month Adoration begins after daily Mass and ends

at 7pm. Join us on March 1st This requires that we have many people committed to praying in front of the Blessed Sacrament throughout the day. We always need more people for this ministry! Please consider committing 1 hour each month. Take advantage of these opportunities to spend time with the Lord. If you would like to participate contact Anita Becker at 919-642-0441 or AlAnitaBecker@aol.com.



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.

Project Rachel Post Abortion Healing Retreat - If you desire healing from a past abortion, you are invited to experience the love of Jesus Christ at a Project Rachel weekend retreat April 26-28, 2019. The weekend retreat is strictly confidential for both women and men includes discussions, spiritual exercises, the sacrament of reconciliation, a Memorial Service and a Mass of the Resurrection. Participation offers a beautiful opportunity to experience God's love, forgiveness and compassion. For more information or to register for the retreat, contact Project Rachel at project.rachel@raldioc.org or call (919) 852-1021. The cost is \$150 for lodging, meals and all retreat materials. If you have a financial burden, assistance is available.



Diocesan News

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 www.ourladyoflourdescc.org 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?

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 follow Mass. Mass schedule: February 10, March 24, April 28, May 19, June 23 For more information contact Celia at ckeator@nc.rr.com or visit www.singlesingleagain.com or on face book-www.facebook.com/ singleagainraleigh

Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Raleigh - We're hiring in our Raleigh Office! We're looking for a dedicated individual to serve as our Disaster Services Program Coordinator to assist with developing the NC Catholics Volunteer program, improving current disaster services policies and procedures, and coordinating response efforts following a disaster. For more information about the position, please visit www.CatholicCharitiesRaleigh.org/careers. Questions? Contact Daniel Altenau, Director of Disaster Services, at (919) 821-9767 or by email at Daniel.Altenau@raldioc.org.

REFROUVAILLE gram for married couples that feel bored, disillusioned, frustrated, or angry in their marriage. Some experience coldness. Others experience conflict in their relationship. Most don't know how to change the situation. This program has helped many couples experiencing such difficulties. 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: StMM Helping Hands Ministry 2019 Souper Bowl of Caring "Tackle Hunger" - Annual Souper Bowl of Caring "Tackle Hunger" event which will take place during Super Bowl Weekend on February 2nd and 3rd. As we have done in the past, we will once again be collecting CANS OF SOUP and DOLLAR DONATIONS before and after all masses on Super Bowl weekend. Proceeds will benefit Catholic Parish Outreach (CPO) food pantry and Western Wake Crisis Ministry (WWCM) food pantry.

Event: 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 fourth Saturday of every month in 2019. 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! https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0a4cacaf292-brookridge

Calendar of Events:

- Saturday Feb 2nd & Sunday Feb 3rd: StMM Helping Hands Ministry 2019 Souper Bowl of Caring "Tackle Hunger"
- Sunday Feb 10th: 2nd Sunday Breakfast; after 9am Mass only
- Saturday Feb 23rd: Brookridge Assisted Living Resident Visits in Apex (10:30am & 3:00pm)
- Tuesday Feb 26th: Men's Homeless Shelter Meals, Signup • at https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d4ea4ab2a1-mens

For more information to becoming a Knight:

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

News From Other Organizations

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.

ALPHA - 11 week series beginning March 4th at St. Raphael Catholic Church, 5801 Falls of Neuse Rd.. We believe everyone should have the chance to explore the Christian faith, ask questions and share their point of view. More information at registration at <u>saintraphael.org</u>



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



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Join us for a special screening & discussion of the newly released film, "Sign of Contradiction" hosted by special guest, Fr. Dave Pivonka, TOR <u>When:</u> Friday, February 15th, 2019 at 7pm -9pm <u>Where:</u> St. Mary Magdalene Church, 625 Magdala Place, Apex, NC 27502 Admission is FREE & open to all!

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