

# St. Mary Magdalene

CATHOLIC CHURCH



**17th Sunday in  
Ordinary Time  
July 28, 2019**



## ***REFLECTION ON WAITING***

From the Bible we have learned about prayer: we learn from our ancestors that holiness lies not in getting, but in waiting. Noah waited 40 days and 40 nights for sunshine, The Israelites waited 40 years for the promised land, the sick man waited 38 years by the pool of Siloam to be healed. Elizabeth waited 50 years before giving birth. Some waited until they died; Moses for the promised land, Job for a straight answer, Jonah for consolation, Jesus for the cup to pass. - Thomas Turner

## ***REFLECTION ON SODOM***

While some assume that Sodom's sinfulness was all about sexuality, Ezekiel 16.49-50 describes their wickedness by saying they were sated with food, complacent in prosperity, giving no help to the poor and needy; they became arrogant and committed abominations. Jesus said Sodom was not as bad as the towns that rejected his messengers. The outcry against Sodom that reached God had to do with their mistreatment of people in need. - Sister Mary McGlone

**Mass Today—112      Offertory Helpers— Last Names I—P**  
**Weekend Masses—Saturday—5pm & Sunday—9am & 10:45am**  
**Weekday Masses—Daily Mass Monday—Friday 8:15am in Chapel**

### **PARISH CONTACTS**

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**Gathering:**  
O Love of God 301

**Psalm:** 138  
Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me, you answered me.  
**Preparation:**  
Seek Ye First 435

**Communion:**  
Abba Father 534  
In This Place 308  
10,000 Reasons 560

**Sending Forth:**  
A Rightful Place 634

## PASTOR'S PARAGRAPH

My Dear Friends,

We received a thank you letter from Catholic Parish Outreach for our donations for the baby shower. Received were 1,758 pounds of children's items and \$1,785 to help families in need. Catholic Parish Outreach provides each month a week's worth of groceries for over 8,200 people.



This Saturday officers will be installed for the coming year for the Knights of Columbus. We offer our best wishes to the new officers and again thank the Knights for all they do for our parish.

Please keep in your prayers the family of Richard Duley who died this past week. We remember in prayer all our deceased friends and family.

**CONFESSIONS:** There will be Confessions on Saturday July 27 at 10:30, after Baptisms. There will also be Confessions on Saturday August 3 at 10:30

Father Donald Staib

### IMPORTANT

### PARISH DATES

#### August

- 1—Family Rosary—7pm—Chapel
- 4—RCIA Inquiry Sessions after Masses—Church Room 1
- 8—Family Rosary—7pm—Chapel
- 11—2nd Collection—Priests' Retirement
- 15—Holy Day—Assumption—8:15am & 7pm—Church
- 16—18—High School Beach Retreat
- 18—Back to School Mass—4pm—Church
- 22—Family Rosary—7pm—Chapel
- 25—Safe Environment Training—12pm
- 26—RCIA Inquiry Sessions—7:30pm—Church Room 4
- 29—Safe Environment Training—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

- July 27—5pm—Margaret Ryan—Terry & Barbara Gill
- July 28—9am—Debbie Reilly—Joan Kerry
- July 28—10:45am—parishioners of StMM
- July 31—8:15am—John Santori—Maria & Bob Wolf
- Aug 1—8:15am—Richard Duley—Bonnie & Ed Estes
- Aug 2—8:15am—William Sherman Breneman, Jr.—Kehoe 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.



Registration is now open for 2019-20 Parish Religious Education Program (PREP) on [www.stmm.church](http://www.stmm.church).

Registration will run until August 31<sup>st</sup>. Our programs begin the week of September 22. For a complete description of this program go to [www.stmm.church](http://www.stmm.church), select "Religious Education", select "Elementary." You will see the links to specific information on the column to the right as well as registration instructions by clicking "Parish Religious Education Online Registration Instructions."



**Catechesis of the Good Shepherd** - Registration is now open and runs through August 31<sup>st</sup> on [www.stmm.church](http://www.stmm.church). Program begins the week of September 22, 2019. This is a Montessori based catechetical program offered in levels of mixed grade groups. Each session is capped at ten students per class. Students must be age appropriate by August 31<sup>st</sup> each year. Sessions will take place in the Atrium (old chapel) in the Activities Building. Programs runs from late September through April/early May depending on the Feast of Pentecost each liturgical year. For more information about this second Religious Education Program option, please visit <http://www.stmm.church/religious-ed/catechesis.cfm>

**Catechists/Core Team Needed** – We have many opportunities for you to become involved in our vibrant, growing programs. Joining this ministry is a great way to share your faith and enjoy fellowship with other parishioners. There will be an adult, on-site retreat offered at STMM in September to prepare you for our mission. Please prayerfully consider joining our amazing team. Requirements include:

- being a baptized Catholic in good standing with the Church
- a willingness to serve 75 minutes per week to a specific grade
- being Level C Safe Environment approved (which we provide the class here on campus).

**Positions Available:**

- Teacher/Catechist PREP Grades Pre-K - 4
- Small Group Leader (by gender) the ROCK - Grades 5 - 6
- AV People - the ROCK
- Door Monitors - grant access to lobby using Lobby Guard
- Social Media Person - keeps program participants apprised of program events via Twitter, Instagram & Facebook with info provided by Coordinator



New for 2019-20 **"THE ROCK"** (Reaching Out for Christ). A new youth group for 5th/6th grade. The ROCK will meet on Sundays from 12:00-1:15 pm right after 10:45 mass in the Narthex of the Church. It will have a similar flavor to our other relational ministry youth groups. Register online at [www.stmm.church](http://www.stmm.church)

All our programs serve only registered parishioners.

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



## Youth Ministry

Thanks to everyone who prayed for our ASP Mission Trip! We had an incredible week serving 10 families in Hancock County, TN. We took over 80 people to answer the call of ASP to love people just as they are, right where they are and to leave them drier, safer, and warmer.

Thank you for all those who donated to our mission trip, we couldn't have gone on the mountain with out your generous support!

Online registration for all STMM faith formation programs opened online July 1<sup>st</sup>!

You can find the link on the right side of the page here:

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

**HS Beach Retreat 2019 Registration is now open:** 9th/10th grade spots are SOLD OUT! spots remain open for 11th/12th graders! Email Liz if you'd like to place your 9th/10th grader on the waiting list. The form can be found on the website: <http://www.stmm.church/religious-ed/highschool.cfm>. August 16th-18th, 2019 we will be heading to Ft Caswell on Oak Island, NC for a fantastic weekend hosted by speaker Joe Farris and worship leader Rita West! This retreat meets the Confirmation requirement and is open to all teens in grades 9th-12th for the 2019-2020 school year. A teen can attend as many retreats as they like over their 4 years in high school as each retreat is completely different. A 50% deposit is required with the form in order to secure a spot and spots are filled on a first come, first serve basis. Please contact Liz Sams with any questions.



*Becoming Our Lord's Disciples*



## RCIA

Are you interested in becoming Catholic? Are you Catholic but not confirmed? We can help! The **RCIA** process at StMM assisted 8 adults in completing their sacraments of initiation at the 2019 Easter Vigil Mass. Soon, we will begin another faith-filled journey. Will you join us? Let's have a conversation. Please contact Scott and Kathy Strednak at [rcia@stmm.net](mailto:rcia@stmm.net) with any questions.

Inquiry Sessions will be after Sunday masses on August 4 in Room #1 and August 26 in Room #4 at 7:30pm. We will be available for any questions you may have about the RCIA process.



## Today's Announcements

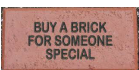


**St. Mary Magdalene Rosary** - "The family that prays together stays together." The Knight of Columbus would like to invite all StMM parishioners to join us for the Rosary on Thursdays at 7pm. Every one of all ages is invited. Rosaries and prayer guides are provided by the Knights of Columbus. Saint John Paul II said: "The Rosary is a prayer both so humble and simple and theologically rich in Biblical Content. I beg you to pray it." Contact Joe Sebik for more information at 704-906-3569.

**"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)



**Summer Donations for Western Wake Crisis Ministry (WWCM)** - WWCM is looking for the following items throughout the summer months: Laundry detergent, dish detergent, shower gel, shampoo, conditioner, toilet paper, paper towels. Place your contributions in the bins in the church narthex. Thank you!



**COMMEMORATIVE BRICKS**—Commemorative bricks line the walkway to our Activity Building. St. Mary Magdalene Church will be placing a brick order in the fall. Engraved bricks are \$100. Our deadline is October 4th. Order forms are in the church office or <http://www.stmm.church/giving/>. Commemorate a First Communion, a Graduation, or remember a loved one with an engraved brick.



**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.'



**Prayer Line**—miriambeck24@gmail.com,  
919-924-1413.

**Out of the Darkness Walk (American Foundation of Suicide Prevention)** - When you walk with us, you join with hundreds of people from our community to raise awareness and funds that allow the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (AFSP) to invest in new research, create educational programs, advocate for public policy, and support survivors of suicide loss. Most of the funds raised are used here in North Carolina. The walk is September 29th at 1 pm in Fuquay-Varina. For questions or more information on how you can walk with my team, contact Mike Rota at [mikerota2018@gmail.com](mailto:mikerota2018@gmail.com). To donate to my team (Susie's Vintage Monarchs - NC Team) or form your own team, you can visit the walk website: <https://afsp.donordrive.com/index.cfm?fuseaction=donorDrive.event&eventID=5961>.



**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, 8/25 at noon; Thurs, 8/29 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 ([bsmith@stmm.net](mailto:bsmith@stmm.net)) to register and to get meeting location.

**"Living in the Power of the Holy Spirit"** - Are you interested in experiencing more fully, the power of the Holy Spirit? A group of parishioners has come together to offer a one day workshop on living in the power of the Holy Spirit. As we are in the planning stages, we are asking you to consider joining us on a yet-to-be scheduled Saturday. The date and location will be determined based on interest. This day is 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 [artklaum61@gmail.com](mailto:artklaum61@gmail.com) or Ronda Watts [rondatroypwatts@gmail.com](mailto:rondatroypwatts@gmail.com) to express your interest.



**Now is the perfect time to become a registered parishioner of St. Mary Magdalene!** You can pick up a parish registration form in the Narthex or email [info@stmm.net](mailto:info@stmm.net) and registration form will be emailed to you. The easiest way to return the form is to drop it in the collection basket when you come for Mass. Once you are registered you will receive a Welcome Packet in the mail and will be added to the Email Distribution list to receive our 'almost' every week E-News!

As you consider your offertory/pledge giving, we remind you that we offer **Electronic Giving** as a way to automate your contributions. It is convenient for you and provides much-needed consistency for the parish. Collection basket contributions can fluctuate significantly from week to week, especially in the summer, but when contributions are automated, the church receives funds on a steady basis. Electronic giving helps us forecast, with confidence, the level of financial support our parish receives in the year ahead. Forms are available in the Narthex or email [info@stmm.net](mailto:info@stmm.net) and a form will be emailed to you.





## 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, August 11th. 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 Support Group** - Abortion is experienced by millions of women, many of whom are Catholic. The Project Rachel ministry assists women and men who have been wounded by abortion to find healing and peace. There is a support group beginning in the Triangle area in late August. If you have experienced an abortion and would like (confidential) information about the support group, contact Project Rachel at (919) 852-1021, or [project.rachel@raldioc.org](mailto:project.rachel@raldioc.org), or visit the website: <http://projectrachelinc.org/>. Calls and appointments are kept strictly confidential.

**SAVE THE DATE! 25TH ANNUAL RUN FOR LIFE** - We're looking for runners, sponsors and volunteers for the annual 5k Run and 1 Mile Fun Run on Saturday, August 17, at Wake Med Soccer Park in Cary. Visit [www.raleighrunforlife.org](http://www.raleighrunforlife.org) or [www.runnc.com](http://www.runnc.com) for more info. If you have any questions, please contact Eileen Mayhew, 919-678-3004, or Kathy Klein, 919-815-1369.



## Diocesan News

**Come and See – An Invitation from the Padre Pio Secular Franciscans** - Has your heart been moved by the prayers, life and stories of St. Francis of Assisi? Would you like to learn more about him and how to live your life with the same holy simplicity, true peace and perfect joy, as he did? If so, Christ may be calling you to explore the Secular Franciscan life. The Secular Franciscan Order was established by St. Francis of Assisi more than 800 years ago. Our purpose is to bring the Gospel to life where we live and where we work. We look for ways to embrace the Gospel in our lives and try to help others to do likewise. The Padre Pio Secular Franciscan Fraternity is holding a Come and See on Sunday, September 22 from 1 - 3pm. We meet at St. Francis of Assisi Church, 11401 Leesville Road, Raleigh in the Founders Room. Come and see what it's all about.

**Divine Healing Conference** – Sept 20, 6-9 pm (rosary & songs 5-6 pm) and Sept 21, 9-4 at St. Thomas More Catholic Church, Chapel Hill, in the Friends & Family Hall. The Catholic Charismatic Renewal Diocese of Raleigh presents speaker Fr. Thomas Sunil V.C., a Vincentian Priest and the Director of the Divine Mercy Healing Center, in Washington, NJ. Fr. Sunil has been conducting Catholic Charismatic Prayer Services - specifically Stay-in Retreats and One-Day Conventions for the last 17 years. Conference will include Mass and Eucharistic Adoration. All in need of physical, emotional, and spiritual healing come with expectant faith! Register at: [ccsraleigh.weebly.com/register.html](http://ccsraleigh.weebly.com/register.html).

**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](http://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?**



## Retrouvaille

**Retrouvaille** is a marriage help program that teaches effective communication. The presenting team, three couples and a priest, presents a technique of communication that enables you to take a good look at many areas of your relationship. The team provides practical tools for improving your marriage. Unlike marriage counselors, they will share how they were able to benefit from these techniques themselves. After each presentation you will have time for reflection and discussion in complete privacy with your spouse. For confidential information or to apply to attend the program beginning with the weekend of October 11 call 800-470-2230 or email: [retrouvaillenc@msn.com](mailto:retrouvaillenc@msn.com) or visit the web site at [www.retrouvaille.org](http://www.retrouvaille.org).



**Single / Single Again** If you are a single, separated, divorced or widowed person, you are invited to join us at our monthly Mass held at Cardinal Gibbon HS chapel at 5:30 pm. A pot-luck social follows Mass. Upcoming Mass schedule: Aug 11, Sept 15, Oct 20, Nov 17 and Dec 15. For more information, contact Celia at [ckeator@nc.rr.com](mailto:ckeator@nc.rr.com), or visit [www.singlesingleagain.com](http://www.singlesingleagain.com) or on Facebook, [www.facebook.com/singleagainraleigh](https://www.facebook.com/singleagainraleigh).

**Single/Single Again Ministry** If you are single, separated, divorced or widowed person, please join us for our 24th Annual Single/Single Again Beach Retreat, August 2-4, 2019, at Trinity Retreat Center in Salter Path, NC. It is a weekend of prayer, renewal and relaxation. The theme this year is "Come as you are – Trust in God and see what He will do," and our retreat leader is Ms. Sally Orcutt, O.P. For more information, contact Celia Keator at [ckeator@nc.rr.com](mailto:ckeator@nc.rr.com).

**Join Catholic Charities on Saturday, September 7<sup>th</sup> for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual "Dancing for a Cause: Celebrating Our Hispanic Culture in Wake County"**. Come learn how Centro para Familias Hispanas is impacting our community. Dine with friends over a delicious meal and feel free to hit the dance floor to show off your best moves! There will be a silent auction and raffle. It will be a night to remember while supporting a great cause. For questions about tickets or sponsorship opportunities, please contact David Juarez Torres at [David.Juarez@Raldioc.org](mailto:David.Juarez@Raldioc.org) or (919) 873-0094, ext. 2230. For more information, please visit [www.CatholicCharitiesRaleigh.org/DFAC-2019](http://www.CatholicCharitiesRaleigh.org/DFAC-2019).

The Association of Roman Catholic Homeschoolers Raleigh is a family-support organization that serves the greater Raleigh-Durham area whose goal is to build up one another as they gather to grow, love, serve, and learn in our Catholic faith. Children range in age from infants to high schoolers and beyond, and members are united by the common desire to raise their children/grandchildren with a love of God and His Church. The association provides a website for general support and communication. As an organization, they host several annual events including an All Saints' Day Party, a May Crowning, Mother-Son Bowling, and a Father-Daughter Dance. In addition, they promote monthly Moms' Nights Out, Teen Socials, and Field Trips; and they sponsor co-ops and educational opportunities as needs and interests arise. Membership years run from July 1st to June 30th of the following calendar year. For more information, visit <https://www.homeschool-life.com/2199/signup>



## Parish Athletics

### Fall Soccer (Apex-Cary)

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

**Dates:** August - October.

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

**Game Locations:** Apex & Cary.

**Cost:** Pre-K - \$60; K - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade - \$65; includes medal, shirt, and picnic.

**Note:** Pre-k players have a combined practice/game on Saturdays. K - 8<sup>th</sup> graders have one weekday practice and weekend games.

### Fall Baseball (Apex)

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

**Dates:** September - October.

**Game Locations:** Apex.

**Cost:** \$65; includes medal, shirt, and picnic.

**Note:** Pre-k players have a combined practice/game on Saturdays. K - 4<sup>th</sup> graders have one weekday practice and weekend games.

### Fall Flag Football (Apex-Cary)

**Grades:** Coed, Pre-K (4 year-olds) to 5<sup>th</sup>.

**Dates:** September - November.

**Game Locations:** Apex or Cary.

**Cost:** Pre-K, \$55; K - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade, \$60 includes medal, shirt, picnic

**Note:** Pre-k players have a combined practice/game on Saturdays. Kindergarteners - 5<sup>th</sup> graders have one weekday practice per week and games on Friday nights.

### Fall Softcrosse (Apex)

**Ages:** K - 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade & 3<sup>rd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade.

**Dates:** Sundays Sept 9 - Oct 14 (six weeks)

K-2: 2 - 3pm

3-5: 3 - 4pm

Age groups will practice together and scrimmage for an hour each.

**Cost:** \$65

**Details:** Softcrosse is designed for beginners to intermediate players who want to learn the fundamentals of Lacrosse with a focus on stick skills.

**Equipment:** stick and mouth guard

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

## News From Other Organizations

Retreat: **Reading the Signs of the Times through the Eyes of St. Francis.** The Catholic Conference Center in Hickory NC is hosting a one of a kind retreat to help people find hope and joy in a rapidly changing world. The retreat is two nights, August 16-18. Franciscan Friar Father Peter Tremblay will be the retreat master and can offer a unique perspective on emerging trends and a Franciscan response. Participants will discover ways to deepen their faith, enliven their hope, and share that same joy of St. Francis in the midst of challenging times. There is a special discount for any Knight of Columbus and his spouse. 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.



**CATHOLIC RADIO** can be heard on 540 AM WETC - **We're Every Thing Catholic!** Divine Mercy Radio offers great shows like "The Doctor Is In", "Called to Communion", and "Catholic Answers Live", along with devotions such as daily Mass, the Chaplet, and the Rosary. Divine Mercy Radio also features well-known speakers such as Bishop Barron, Fr. Wade Menesis, Mother Angelica, and Bishop Fulton Sheen. For a complete program schedule and a map of the coverage area, visit our website [Catholic540AM.org](http://Catholic540AM.org). For a free Catholic540AM car magnet, call [919.300.5400](tel:919.300.5400).

**321 Coffee** is a non-profit student run organization at NC State with the aim of providing valuable work experience and opportunities for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD) while raising awareness and promoting the IDD community. We strive to achieve this by running coffee shops manned by individuals with IDD. We sell coffee every weekend at the State Farmers Market in Raleigh as well as at events throughout the community. Our coffee shops provide our volunteers with IDD the opportunity to showcase their unique skills and promote interaction between customers and the volunteers. If you are interested in our mission, you can find more information at [321coffee.com](http://321coffee.com) or come visit us at the farmer's market on Saturdays!



**Save the Date! 17th Ignited By Truth Catholic Conference** - April 25, 2020, Reynolds Coliseum, 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).

**CALL FOR ARTISTS FOR CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY SHOPPE** Wanted: Artisans and crafters for St. Thomas More Catholic School's 16th annual Christmas Holiday Shoppe Craft Show in Chapel Hill on **Saturday, December 7**. A 6' table is \$70. One additional table may be rented for \$40. Deadline to apply is **Saturday, October 5**. This popular, handmade-only craft show draws a large, enthusiastic crowd and, according to *Our State Magazine*, is one of the top 25 "Quintessential Tar Heel Christmas Experiences"! To apply, please contact Joanne Vance at (919) 490-8493 or email [stmholidayshoppe@gmail.com](mailto:stmholidayshoppe@gmail.com). Don't delay -- apply today!

### Pastor Al



"No, Masao, as far as I know, they don't make a raisin-bread version of the hosts."

# SUPPORT A FOCUS MISSIONARY

## FELLOW PARISHONER OF STMM



### WHAT IS FOCUS?

**FOCUS (Fellowship Of Catholic University Students)** is a Catholic collegiate outreach whose mission is to share the hope and joy of the Gospel with college and university students. Trained in the Church's teaching, prayer, sacred Scripture, evangelization and discipleship, FOCUS missionaries encounter students in authentic friendship, invite them into personal relationship with Jesus Christ and accompany them as they pursue a life of virtue and excellence. Through Bible Study, outreach events, conferences, mission trips, and one-on-one discipleship, missionaries help students encounter Christ, encourage and build students in the faith, and send them out to spread the Good News and live out the Great Commission: "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations (Mt 28:19)."

### ELIZABETH RAY

I would love to meet you and explain more about the vision of FOCUS, the impact FOCUS had on my college experience and what I will be doing as a FOCUS missionary. Please reach out to me to learn how you can get involved with the mission!



*The need is **great**. 80% of practicing Catholic go to college and leave the faith before graduating and only **20%** return to the faith. The Church needs people on the college campus who can help students live out their faith and take it to the workplace*



### MEET MY TEAM

The next year we will be serving the students at CCU - Coastal Carolina University in Conway, SC!

**Without support**, spiritually and financially, from our brothers and sisters in Christ we cannot embark on this mission. Please prayerfully consider supporting a FOCUS missionary.



 **Joanne Martin**  
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