

## PASTOR'S PARAGRAPH

My Dear Friends,

We have received the bookcases and books of Deacon John Hubisz that were given to us. Many thanks to the Knights of Columbus who brought them here last Saturday. We will have the books on the shelves as soon as we can. We need to fasten the bookshelves to the wall first.

Deacon Joe LaPierre will be absent from our worship for a while, as he is helping a family member during time of illness. Please keep his family in your prayers.

I am grateful to Janine McGann and Liz Sams, our Youth Directors, who will have a Communion Service on Wednesday at 8:15 while I am away that day.

Thank you to all who have responded to our low-key request for addition funds for our offertory and for debt payments for the new church. Our membership has increased by 300 families in the past year and need funds for operating expenses and our consideration of increased staffing.

In the month of November we remember all those who have died, especially during the past year. We are grateful for what they have given to us during life and we pray for them eternal rest.

CONFESSIONS: There will be Confessions at 10:30 am Saturday November 10 and Saturday November 17, after Baptisms.

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**Mass Intentions** IMPORTANT Nov 10—5pm—Raymond Bernier—Willis Family PARISH DATES Nov 11-9am-Parishioners of StMM Nov 11—10:45am—Robert Walter Callus—StMM Faulty & Staff Nov 13—8:15am—Doris Gabler—Aurelia Cochrane November For Mass Intentions/Mass Cards—Call the Parish Office 11—Youth Mass—6pm 12—Parish Council—7pm—Church Room 1 12-RCIA-7:30pm-Church Room 4 15—Gardening Committee—7pm—Church Room 1 18-2nd Collection-Catholic Campaign for Human **FINANCIAL MATTERS** Development 18—Youth Mass—6pm OUR GIVING PATTERNS 19—CSO Meeting—9:30am—Church Room 1 For the year 2017 here are the giving patterns of our parish per week 22—Thanksgiving Day—Mass—10am The numbers include Offertory and Gifts for the New Church Deadline for Bulletin submission is the Wednesday Morning prior to the weekend of publication (Send bulletin requests to info@stmm.net) 105 gave \$50-\$74 115 gave \$75 or over per week 244 gave \$25—\$49 427 gave \$10-\$24 SACRAMENTS 205 gave \$5—\$9 247 gave \$1-\$4 BAPTISMS - See the Guidelines on the Website - then email the Pastor. 122 gave less than \$1 368 have no record of giving 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. The 2017-2018 Financial Report is now available on the Church website at www.stmm.church/annual report 2018 to parish.pdf. 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.





## Catechetical Corner

**Grade 1 Program Families -** This is your designated week ... 11th/13th/14th for toilet paper contributions for Catholic Parish Outreach. Please leave your donations in the lobby before or after class. Please be as generous as your means will allow and many thanks in advance.

**Thanksgiving Holiday** - All elementary programs are closed from Sunday, November 18th through Sunday, November 25th. All programs resume on Tuesday, November 27th.

Grade 2 & Wednesday Evening Intermediate Sacrament Program Families - First Reconciliation Parent Meetings are set for Monday, December 3rd & Tuesday December 4th in Church Room 3. Meetings times are 10:30a-12 noon OR 7p-8:30p on either day. Only one parent is to attend one meeting. Pick whatever is convenient for your schedule. There is no need to RSVP. Upon arrival you will sign in on the appropriate labeled rosters displayed in the hallway outside Room 3. Please enter the Church behind the Jonah statue on the piazza & not through the main doors. If you attended a First Reconciliation parent meeting in either December 2016 or 2017 you do not need to attend, this year. You are however responsible for picking up all meeting materials from the parish office the week of December 11th. Please bring the \$75 sacrament instructional materials fee. Checks are made payable to StMM. This amount will cover both sacraments received this year.

**First Reconciliation Dates for Religious Education Students** are Tuesday, February 5th at 5p or 6:30p / Wednesday, February 6th at 5p or 6:30p Parents do not attend.. Sunday Religious Education Students will need to sign up for a Tuesday of Wednesday time. Sign Up will take place at the December Parent Meetings.

First Reconciliation Date for StMM School Students is Thursday, February 7th from 10a-11a. Parents do not attend.

Looking Ahead - Advent Begins December 2nd...Our Annual Lobby Gathering Prayer will begin this week on days we have class sessions. Upon arrival to the lobby the students are to gather around our displayed Advent wreath & not proceed down to the classrooms. When our prayer is complete, catechists will walk their students to class. Dismissal procedures remain the same. Parents are welcome to stay & should stand around the perimeter of the lobby.

**Christmas Holidays** - All elementary programs are closed from Sunday, December 16th through Friday, January 4th. All programs resume the week of January 6th.

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

**2019 First Eucharist Dates**—May 11th/12th and May 17th/18. First Eucharist is received at the 5p/9a/10:45a on either weekend. Families pick their own date. They are not assigned. Parents will give us date at the March parent meetings.

All our elementary programs serve only registered contributing parishioners using the weekly envelope system or electronic draft.



# Youth Ministry

EDGE (6th-8th grade) meets from 4:30pm-5:45pm The Way(9th-12th graders not yet confirmed) meets from 7:15pm-8:30pm Apostello(11th & 12th graders already confirmed) meets from 4:30pm-5:45pm Youth Mass in the church at 6pm, all parishioners welcome!

You can find the STMM YM Calendar for the 2018-2019 school year at <u>www.stmm.net</u> under the religious education tab

Thanksgiving Basket Items are due this Sunday!!! Each parent received an email with their teen's small group # or name in the Edge, The Way & Apostello along with the item they are asked to donate to our parish Thanksgiving Basket collection. All donated items go to local families in need through Western Wake Crisis Ministry. Please join us in helping to provide those in need with a hot meal on Thanksgiving Day!

Parents Night Out: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:

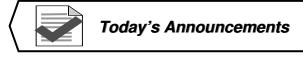
11/11, 11/18, 12/9, 1/6/19, 1/27/19, 2/17/19, 3/3/19, 3/17/19, 3/31/19

Help build a house in Haitil: 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 firsthand 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. Our youth can have a profound impact on the life of a family living in complete despair and allow them to have a safe place to sleep, gather, eat, live... Something all of us take for granted. 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!



# RCIA

The Next Session is Mon, Nov 12th from 7:30-8:30pm in Room 4/ Church Building. Please use the entrance behind the statue of Jonah. Topic: Thanksgiving It's What We Do all Year: Looking at Jesus in the Gospels. Questions please contact Celeste at rcia@stmm.net.





Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion in the Sacred Liturgy Training dates are set for Sunday, November 11th OR Sunday, December 9th from 2p-4p in Church Room 4.Use the entrance behind the statue of

Jonah on the piazza. Contact Celeste at usischon@stmm.net for November 11th training. Contact Lisa at lisa.westberg@dukeenergy.com for December 9th

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 on the Go! place Monday, November 19th, 9:30 – 11am, in Church meeting room #1. Our speaker will be an officer from Apex Community Policing. For more information, please contact Miriam Moore, miriamdel79@yahoo.com, 919-387-8676 or Fran Hughes, gmomfran@gmail.com.



HEY PARENTS! Instead of heading to Target, head to the school's Media Center after you drop your kids at faith formation. Let's learn something new about our faith. Let's talk about news in the Church. Let's make new friends who

are living the struggles of kids and work and faith. Let's have a good cup of coffee! Our group meets during Sunday faith formation classes from 12 to 1:15. When the kids are there, so are we! Join us! Questions? Contact Nicole at nicolesebik@yahoo.com or Joe at jsebik@icloud.com.



rew's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW) has begun. This co-op ministry guides children ages 3 years to first grade through a portion of the Mass in a praverful, kidcentered way. Register your child(ren) at the CLOW table outside of Mass or email Celeste

Usischon usischon@stmm.net to participate. All parents will need to take a turn to serve as either parent assistant or C-Level leader. Thank you for helping to make this ministry flourish!



.Live stream StMM's 10:45am Mass at: https:// www.youtube.com/channel/ YouTube UC7wpkWA5NgzXgQgmlxtNRZA?view\_as=subscriber

or Search YouTube for 'STMM CHURCH LIVE.'



Next week, our second collection will be for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. Over 43 million people in the United States live in poverty. This collec-

tion supports programs to empower people to identify and address the obstacles they face as they work to bring permanent and positive change to their communities. Learn more about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development at www.usccb.org/cchd/collection.



Western Wake Crisis Ministry Thanksgiving Meal Collection. Our parish will be collecting food to donate to Western Wake Crisis Ministry (WWCM) in Thanksgiving Apex for Thanksgiving Meals for needy families. Please stop by the donation table in the Nar-

thex during the weekends of Nov. 10th/11th to pick up a donation tag. All donations must be brought to StMM before all Masses on the weekend of Nov. 18th/19th; but no later than 10:45 am on the 19th to allow time for delivery to WWCM. All checks for turkeys or complete meals should be made payable to WWCM.



Calling all married couples to Chrysalis Marriage Enrichment! With a focus on faith and fellowship, monthly meetings are thoughtfully designed to help couples strengthen

their relationships and families through Christ. To sign up or for more information, please email Ryan & Kelley Evenson at stmmchrysalis@gmail.com. Next meeting date is Sun, Nov 18. Onsite childcare is available at our regular Sunday meetings for children under 10 years. RSVPs are kindly requested. Looking for an opportunity to help serve our parish families? C-level certified adults and responsible, energetic youth volunteers (ages 11 years +) are needed on the Chrysalis Childcare Team. Volunteers lead organized activities and care for the children during regular monthly meetings. To volunteer, please contact stmmchrysalis@gmail.com. Thank you!

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Adoration

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 Dec 7th and Jan 4th. 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.

Stock Donations Before Year's End? If you are considering a tax deductible stock donation before the end of 2018 the process is easy. Go to http://dioceseofraleigh.org/give and download the stock donation form. A contact person is listed on the form should you have questions. All stock donations are processed through the Diocese of Raleigh and proceeds are forwarded to the parish.



Online Giving – Give instantly via our website. And don't forget, you can go to our website, www.stmm.church , click on GIVING and then on **DONATE TO StMM**. Direct your gift to a specific fund - Offertory, Debt Reduction, ASP Mission, In Memory or other. Your donations are tax deductible.



Do you receive Father Staib's E-News? If not, let us add or update your email address in the StMM directory for online communication. Email info@stmm.net and we can add or update our Email distribution list.



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





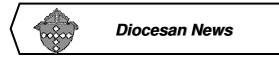
Pray the Rosary for Life at 10:10am on the 2nd Sunday of the month in the Chapel. Our next Rosary for Life is today Sunday, November 11. It is a beautiful way to start the day whether

you come before Mass or stay after. Prayer sheets are provided and families with children are welcome.



Fetal Development of Abigail—I'm almost 17 inches long but I'm all curled up so it is hard to see how tall I am. I like to look around when I'm awake, but it is hard to see anything - it's all fuzzy. Ouch! I scratched myself with my long fingernails. Abigail has started to

move head down because 96% of babies are born that way. Mom's uterus is stretching and is pushing her organs every which way, causing heartburn, constipation, indigestion, and breathlessness. "Whoever humbles himself like a child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven." (Matthew 18:5)



Search Retreat for 10-12 Graders Don't miss this opportunity to interact and share your faith with other Catholic teenagers from across the Diocese of Raleigh on November 16-18, 2018, at Camp Rockfish, Parkton, NC (near Fayetteville). "Search" is a peer-led retreat sponsored by the Diocese of Raleigh, which has touched the lives of teenagers for more than 40 years. Participants are led through a series of witness talks and activities prepared by a team of high school students who encourage participants to seek and find Christ in their own lives and in one another on their journey toward Christian maturity. Check out the video posted at https:// www.youtube.com/watch?v=KpEqqP2tLul&feature=youtu.be To register for Search 191, follow the link, https://raldioc.configio.com/go/ search-191 and click on the appropriate registration type, youth or adult. The final day to register is November 11. Cost for the Search weekend is \$120; however, no one is denied participation because of inability to pay. For more information, please contact the diocesan coordinators of Search, Monique and Joe Wertis at (919) 426-6608 at (919) 520-7059.



Do we put our trust in God and allow him to be Lord in every area of our life like the widow did? Sign up today to attend one of the upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends on Mar 1-3 in Hickory and Feb 1-3 in Columbia, SC. Early sign up is recommended. For more information

visit our website https://NCMarriageDiscovery.org or contact us at applications@NCMarriageDiscovery.org 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 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?

Ignatian Spiritual Exercises for Men and Women at Avila Retreat **Center** - The Spiritual Exercises provides an opportunity to quiet your soul from daily distractions and focus on Christ. Mass, Confession and Spiritual Direction will be available with a Legionary of Christ priest. There will be guided meditations with time for private reflection. This is an opportunity to listen and discern God's voice in your soul. The Men's retreat will be held December 7-9 and the Women's retreat will be held January 18-20 at Avila Retreat Center in Durham. Cost of the retreat is \$225 per person in advance or \$250 within two weeks of the retreat. Materials, meals and linens are included. For more information or to register, call (919) 274-9362 or email Raleighregnumchristi@gmail.com.

Bishop Luis Rafael Zarama and bishops nationwide are joining in seven days of prayer and fasting prior to their general assembly in November, where they will make critical decisions regarding the tragedy of clergy abuse. Please pray for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon all the bishops, especially during the General Assembly, where they will be making critical decisions in response to the clergy sexual abuse crisis.

All are invited to attend the African Ancestry Mass at 3:30pm on Sunday, November 18th, at Holy Name of Jesus Cathedral, Raleigh. The celebrant will be Bishop Luis Rafael Zarama. For more information call Alphonsus Ekele Ngwandom at: 919-247-2312



#### Calling all Catholic Men to the Knights of Columbus

"A Catholic Fraternal Service Organization"

Our Knights at StMM Council 7186 have been very busy with Hurricane Florence relief, CPO Food Drive, StMM Parish Projects, etc. Are You Being Called? Please join us to help those in need.

#### Did You Know Your StMM KofC Council 7186:

- Donated (36) winter coats for children to CPO as a result of our work and your support.
- Provided truck and Knights for CPO Food drive that collected nearly 3,000 lbs. of food and \$1,800.
- Distributed over \$30,000 in Hurricane Florence food and supplies and \$20,000 in gift cards donated by Knights of Columbus headquarters. Our local StMM council 'man power' distributed those supplies and money to Lumberton, Fayetteville, Wallace, New Bern, Wilmington and Jacksonville.

#### 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

Event Highlight: 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Breakfast will be held Nov 11<sup>th</sup> (after 9am & 10:45am Mass). The Knights invite you to enjoy a great breakfast and fellowship with your fellow parishioners.

#### Calendar

• Saturday Nov 11: 2nd Sunday Breakfast (after 9am & 10:45am Mass)

## StMM Principal

Recently our founding School Principal, Bob Cadran, announced his plan to retire at the end of this school year. We will soon establish a Search Committee, but meanwhile we are advertising in appropriate places. For additional information go to <u>www.StMM.church</u>. There is a link to the Job Description and additional details for applicants under Highlights.

## News From Other Organizations

Catholic Charities is seeking a wheelchair donation for an elderly individual who has difficulty being mobile who does not possess any medical insurance and neither she nor her family can financially afford one. Her family often finds it difficult to transport her in and around different locations such as the grocery store, out to family gatherings, etc. and a wheelchair would greatly increase the mobility of this individual as well as relieve much of the challenge that the family is undertaking. If you have a wheelchair you could donate, please contact David Juarez at 919-873-0094, ext 224 or David.juarez@raldioc.org. Thank you!!



**Traveling St. John Vianney Project**—We are looking for a few more families to join our ministry. Each family takes turns hosting our traveling statue of St John Vianney for a month. He is the patron saint of priests. While you are hosting, display the statue in your home as a visual re-

minder to pray for our priests and an increase in vocations. This is a great way for families to participate in a ministry together. If you are interested please email Megan Brinkley <u>m.brinkley@hotmail.com</u>

Interested in Joining Boy Scouts? Boys grades 6 - 12 are encouraged to join Boy Scouts of America, Troop 224. We meet every Monday at 7 - 8:30 pm at StMM Room

#201. We go camping, white water rafting, hiking, etc. monthly. If interested please contact Chris Vardis, <u>cvardis11@gmail.com</u>



Hurricane Florence Rescue and Recovery-If you would like to help Catholic Charities assist families impacted by Hurricane Florence across central and

eastern North Carolina, there are several ways you can do so at this time: **Financial Donations:** Disasters are rapidly changing events and financial donations allow us to adapt with the situation and best meet the needs of the survivors. Donate online or text RECOVER1 to 51555. Volunteer: If you are interested in volunteering, please visit www.CatholicCharitiesRaleigh.org/volunteerflorence to learn about volunteer opportunities across the Diocese of Raleigh. In-Kind Donations: If you would like to donate in-kind goods, an online page has been set up where you can purchase items, and they will be shipped in bulk to our offices. This helps streamline coordination of the supplies we anticipate receiving. If you are interested in coordinating a donation drive, please contact Gabby Amos at Catholic Charities at Gabby.Amos@raldioc.org. Pray: Survivors are going through what may be the most traumatic experience in their lives. Staff and volunteers are working around the clock to provide some relief during this challenging situation. Your prayers for all involved are greatly needed at this time.



St. Thomas More Academy (STMA), an independent, Diocesan approved, Catholic college preparatory school *in Raleigh*, invites all 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade students to an OPEN HOUSE on Sunday, November 11<sup>th</sup> from 2-

5pm. STMA is located at 3109 Spring Forest Road, Raleigh. Applications for the 2019-2020 school year are now being accepted. Parents and students are encouraged to attend this event. In addition to the Open House, "shadowing" is encouraged for all students wishing to experience STMA first hand. Please call 919-878-7640 or email <u>admissions@stmacademy.org</u> with questions or to schedule a visit. For more information visit: <u>www.stmacademy.org</u>.

## Parish Athletics Winter/Spring Sports

Winter Basketball (Apex) - Grades: Pre-k to 6th (coed) Dates: November 26th - February 9th. Location: StMM Gym in Apex. Cost: Pre-k & Kindergarten \$60; 1st & 2nd Grade \$65; 3rd - 6th Grades \$70; includes medal, shirt, and picnic. Note: Pre-k & Kindergartners have practices/games on Saturdays; 1st - 6th Grades have week night practices and weekend games.

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. \*\*\*Prices will increase by \$5 on January 1st, 2019.

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

Spring Softcross (Apex) - Grades: Coed; K thru 5<sup>th</sup>. 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.



Nonetheless, I'd appreciate it if you'd stop upsetting folks by asking "Is that your *final* donation?' "

# POU'RE INVITED TO THE BIRTHCHOICE 26th Annual SPIRIT OF THE SEASON Dinner and Auction



Silent and Live Auction 50/50 Raffle Christmas Gift Baskets And More

\$25.00 RESERVED SEATING

Homemade Lasagna Salad, Dessert & Wine Vegetarian or Gluten Free Available by Request

# **SEATING IS LIMITED**

Go to www.supportbirthchoice.org Go to '**Give Now'** select '**Silent Auction'** and donate \$25 per person, tickets will be at the door.

WHEN: FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 30TH , 6:30WHERE: Our Lady Of Lourdes, Fallon Center 2718 Overbrook Drive, Raleigh

To donate an auction item or request a special meal: contact: Eileen Eileen@Birthchoicewake.org or call 919-678-3004 Check these ads at www.StMM.church/welcome/bulletins.cfm



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