

St. Mary Magdalene

CATHOLIC CHURCH



**Fourth Sunday
of Advent
December 22, 2019**



PASTOR'S PARAGRAPH

My Dear Friends,

On this 4th Sunday of Advent may all your planning for Christmas be merry and bright. People who work and volunteer at St Mary Magdalene will be spending a good part of this weekend preparing our parish for the Christmas Masses. I - and all of us - are most grateful to them for being so devoted to our parish and our people.

CONFESSIONS - There will be Confessions Saturday December 21 at 10:30. There will not be Confessions Saturday January 4.

Daily Mass this week—December 23rd, 26th and 27th

Father Donald Staib

Mass Intentions

Dec 21—5pm—Theresa Panza—Fran & Sal Mastropolo
Dec 22—9am—Parishioners of StMM
Dec 22—10:45am—Noah Dombkowski—The Osborn Family
Dec 25—10am—Dick Foster, Lee Gaggiano—Bette Foster

For Mass Intentions/Mass Cards—Call the Parish Office

Christmas Schedule

December 24—Masses at 3pm, 5pm, 9pm
[Church will open at 2pm] - [3pm & 5pm Masses are usually uncomfortably crowded, please do not save seats.]

December 25—Mass at 10am

Solemnity of Mary - January 1—Mass at 10am

Mass Today—22 Offertory Helpers— Children Volunteers
Weekend Masses—Saturday—5pm & Sunday—9am & 10:45am
Sunday Youth Mass 6pm—No Youth Mass—December 22nd and 29th

Parish Office closed December 24th—January 1st

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Gathering:
Emmanuel 56

Psalm: 24

O God this is the people that longs to see your face. O God this is the people that longs to see your face.

Preparation:
Waiting in Silence 41

Communion:
Luke 1: My Soul Rejoices 819
Holy is His Name 686
Be Not Afraid 431

Sending Forth:
People Look East 40

Money Matters

The Pharisee in the Gospel of October 27 gave to the Temple 10% of his income. The Tax collector in the November 3 Gospel gave ½ of his possessions to the poor. How are we doing at St Mary Magdalene?

Our annual Financial Report [July 2018 thru June 2019] is published on our website. You can find it at under 'Welcome' and 'Parish Council'

http://www.stmm.church/Text_of_annual_report_2019_to_parish.pdf

Since July 1 2019 our Offertory is about \$10,000 per month short of our budget for 2019-2020. We know some folks choose to give once a year, toward the end of the year. We also hope the 212 new households we have since last January will help us reach our parish needs.

Here is a snapshot of giving patterns since January 2019:

20 families have given between \$6,000 and \$20,000
 95 families have given between \$3,000 and \$5,999
 459 families have given between \$1,000 and \$2,999
 349 families have given between \$500 and \$999
 474 families have given between \$100 and \$499
 207 families have given less than \$100
 433 families have no record of giving

[We have written to most of these 433 families to ask if they are still here and wish to continue to be members of StMM.]

We also have come to realize that some members who made a pledge to the new church will not be completing their pledge. This amounts to \$73,000.

We are so grateful to all who use the White Envelopes; we use these funds to pay our debt for the construction. Blessings to all who help our parish like the Pharisee and the Tax Collector in the Gospels.

If you would like to increase your electronic debit, complete the form at <http://www.stmm.church/giving/electronicoffertory.cfm>
 Choose the last option to change the amount.



Today's Announcements



All Religious Education & Youth Ministry Program Families—All our elementary programs and youth ministry programs are closed for the Christmas holidays. All programs resume on Sunday, January 5th.

Introducing a new convenient, small-group, opportunity for STMM adult parishioners - **Discipleship Quads!!** Quads are based on a model that has over thirty years of success. It is gender-specific and free. Start any time. Your journey with the **Discipleship Quad** will deepen your faith and equip you with the tools you need to help rebuild our Church at a time when we desperately need disciples. **Contact Laura Werner at steubenvillemissionNC@gmail.com or go to <https://steubenvilleconferences.com/discipleship-quads/>.**

POWER AND PURPOSE/HOLY SPIRIT CONFERENCE JUNE 5-7, 2020. Will you join us next June? Travel to beautiful Franciscan University in Steubenville, OH with fellow StMM parishioners to learn more about the Holy Spirit and what He can do in your life. Discover a purpose for your life and experience the true freedom and healing He wants to offer you. **Contact Joe or Laura Werner at wernejoe@aol.com steubenvillemissionNC@gmail.com.** Bus travel optional. Please use this link to register: <http://bit.ly/LauraWernerPPC20>



The CSO (Catholic Senior Organization for men and women 60+) meets every third Monday of the month, September through May. Our next meeting will take place Monday, Jan 20 9:30am—11am, in Church meeting room #1. For more information, please contact Miriam Moore, miriamdel79@yahoo.com, 919-387-8676 or Fran Hughes, gmomfranz@gmail.com.



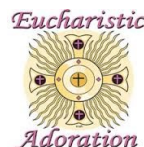
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Applications for the 2020-2021 school year are available on our Admissions website: <http://school.stmm.net/admissions/> Need more info? Call Lydia Binanay at 919-657-4800 ext. 7296 for a tour of our campus.



RCIA - There are no RCIA sessions on December 23rd and December 30th. The next session is Monday, Jan. 6th at 7:30 pm in Church Room 4. The discussion topic is: The Holy Spirit. Question please contact Kathy or Scott Strednak at RCIA@stmm.me.

"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 lcmorris0707@gmail.com



New Date—First Friday Adoration will be on Friday January 10. All are encouraged to pay a visit to the chapel throughout the day and spend some time in prayer. However, it is essential that there are people that are scheduled to be there each hour between 8:30AM and 7:00PM. Can you help by committing to 1 hour a month to spend with our Lord? Please contact Anita Becker at ALANITABECKER@AOL.COM or 919-280-8931 if interested.

Children's Adoration is held the first Friday of each month 230-3pm. All children are welcome. No one is too young to come visit Jesus! The dates for the remainder of the school year are: Jan 10, Feb 7, March 6, April 3, and May 1. Contact Megan Brinkley if you have any questions m.brinkley@hotmail.com



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Children's Liturgy of the Word has begun and is held during the Sunday morning liturgies at 9:00 & 10:45 am. It mirrors the worship experience of the parish community in an engaging and interactive environment. Eligible participants are children 3 – 6 years old. This program is a co-op; dependent upon parishioner involvement. Volunteers must be Safe Environment Certified. If you'd like to assist with this ministry, please contact the Program Coordinator, Jennifer Jury at stmmclow@gmail.com.



Family Promise – STMM Supporting Homeless Families STMM will support Family Promise by volunteering time and donating items to homeless families that will be housed at St. Andrew Jan 19 -25. Let's start the new year by showing our support for others! Please stop by tables in the lobby the weekend of January 4-5 to select your volunteer activity or item for donation. We could not do this without you, and need many volunteers each day and night. Family Promise of Wake County provides support to pre-screened homeless families as they transition into permanent housing (<http://www.familypromisewake.org/>). Reminder: All donations are dropped off at St. Andrew

***In addition, we are looking for individuals to serve on the St. Andrew/STMM Family Promise Core Team. Core team members serve twice a year and open positions include Food Coordinator, Activities Coordinator, and Overnight Host Coordinator. Please contact Mary Wire at mbwire@gmail.com or 919-749-8932 with questions or to discuss position details.



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.



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 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!



Respect Life News

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

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

If you have any questions regarding StMM Respect Life please feel free to contact Paula Hils pshils@bellsouth.net or Jane Breslin breslinjane@verizon.net

StMM School Business Manager

Recently our School Business Manager Sheila Lattner, announced her plan to retire at the end of February. We will soon establish a Search Committee, but meanwhile we are advertising in appropriate places. For additional information go to <http://school.stmm.net/about-stmm/employment.cfm>. There is a link to the Job Description and additional details for applicants.



Parish Athletics

Spring Soccer (Apex-Cary)

Grades: Coed, Pre-K (3 year-olds) to 8th.

Dates: March - May.

Practice Locations: Apex or Cary, you pick.

Game Locations: Apex & Cary.

Cost: Pre-K - \$60; K - 8th grade - \$65; (includes medal, shirt, and picnic).

Spring T-Ball and Machine Pitch Baseball (Apex)

Grades: Coed, Pre-K (4 year-olds) to 4th.

Dates: April – June.

Practice Locations: Apex only.

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

Spring Softcrosse (Apex)

Grades: Coed, K thru 5th.

Dates: April – June (6 weeks).

Days/Times: Sunday afternoons.

Location: Apex.

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

Equipment needed: Stick and mouth guard.

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