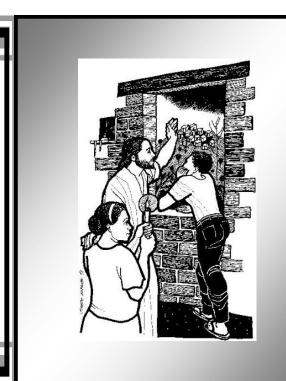


Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time February 9, 2020



Reflection

"Let your light shine before all," Christ said; and he used the words "before all" advisedly. He meant, "Let your light be so bright that it illuminates not only yourself, but shines also before those needing its help." As the light our senses perceive puts darkness to flight, and enables those travelling along a road perceptible to the senses to follow a straight course, so also the spiritual light which shines from blameless conduct illuminates those who cannot see clearly how to live a virtuous life, because their spiritual eyesight has been blurred by the darkness of error. It purifies their inward vision, leads them to live upright lives, and makes them walk henceforward in the path of virtue. -

St. John Chrysostom (c.347-407). After a period of great austerity as a hermit, he returned to Antioch; it was his duty to preach in the principal church of the city; his best homilies which earned him the title "Chrysostomos" or "the golden-mouthed," were preached at this time. In 397 Chrysostom became patriarch of Constantinople, where his efforts to reform the court, clergy, and people led to his exile in 404 and finally to his death from the hardships imposed on him. Chrysostom was above all a pastor of souls, and was one of the most attractive personalities of the early Church.

Mass Today—36 Offertory Helpers—Children Volunteers Weekend Masses—Saturday—5pm & Sunday—9am & 10:45am Weekday Masses—Daily Mass Monday—Friday at 8:15am in Chapel Sunday Youth Mass 6pm—Youth Mass—February 9th, 16th, and 23rd

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Gathering:

Table of Plenty 311

Communion:

Blest are They 725 I Am the Living Bread 355 Taste and See 333

Psalm: 112

The just man is a light in darkness to the upright.

Preparation:The Least of These 390

Sending Forth: Lead Me. Lord 726

PASTOR'S PARAGRAPH

My Dear Friends,

We had a wonderful response to the Bishop's Annual Appeal last weekend. So far we have received \$100,716 pledged from 294 parish members – 52% of our parish goal from 14% of our 2,119 parish families

Many thanks to all who have been generous. We are on the way to a record response; we await the pledges from all 2119 households in our parish.

We are grateful to Tyler DiVito, our parish seminarian, who told us last weekend about how the BAA funds are used for seminary education.

Congratulations to those who made their First Confessions this past week. And thank you to their teachers who helped to prepare them for this Sacrament.

Confessions: there will not be Confessions on Saturday February 8 because of a funeral. There will be Confessions on Saturday February 15, after Baptisms;

Due to a power surge in Apex, the telephone system at StMM is not working properly. We are able to receive telephone calls at the school front desk, but calls do not transfer and there is no voicemail. After school hours there is no way to make a connection. My home phone is 919 387 3648. Unfortunately, our entire system will need to be replaced; we hope this happens in the next few weeks.

Father Donald Staib



IMPORTANT

Parish Dates

February

- 9—KofC Parish Breakfast—after 9am Mass—Dining Hall
- 9—Youth Mass—6pm
- 10-RCIA-7:30pm-Church Room 4
- 13—Safe Environment Training—6:30pm
- 13—Family Rosary—7pm—Chapel
- 16—EM Training—1pm—Church Room 4
- 16—Youth Mass—6pm
- 17—Catholic Senior Organization—9:30am—Church Room 1
- 17—RCIA—7:30pm—Church Room 4
- 20—Family Rosary—7pm—Chapel
- 23—2nd Collection Church in Central and Eastern Europe
- 23—Scout Sunday—9am Mass
- 23—Youth Mass—6pm
- 24—RCIA—7:30pm—Church Room 4
- 26—Ash Wednesday Mass—8:15am and 7pm
- 27—Family Rosary—7pm—Chapel

March

- 1—Rosary for Life—10:10am—Chapel
- 1—Respect Life Movie—12pm Church Room 3 and 4
- 1—Youth Mass—6pm

Deadline for Bulletin submission is the Wednesday Morning prior to the weekend of publication (Send bulletin requests to info@stmm.net)

Mass Intentions

Feb 8—5pm—George Lukesh—Karen Kovacs

Feb 9—9am—Betty Bedotto—Jim Bedotto

Feb 9—10:45am—The Codd Family—Willis Family

Feb 10—8:15am—Marie Judge—Carol Reilly

Feb 12—8:15am—Wyatt Stone—Mary Rhyne

Feb 13—8:15am—The Grazianno & the Kolodzieski Families

Feb 14—Jack Walsh—Brandon & Bertha Smith

For Mass Intentions/Mass Cards—Call the Parish Office

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.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

OUR NEW CHURCH – We have the obligation to make large monthly payments for 13 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.

The annual financial report to the parish community is now available on the St MM Church website



Elementary Religious Éd



Congratulations to all our children who made their First Reconciliation last week and a special thanks to all the Catechists and Parents who have worked diligently to prepare them for this sacrament. Please keep them in your prayers as they prepare for First Eucharist this spring.

CPO Toilet Tissue Donations for Grade 3 are scheduled for today, Sunday, February 9th & Wednesday, February 12th. Please donate whatever your means will allow.

First Communion Parent Meetings are set for Monday, March 9th 10:30 am or 7:00 pm and Tuesday, March 10th 10:30 or 7:00 pm in Church Room 3. Parents are to attend only one meeting. At this meeting you will sign up for the Mass you want for First Communion. Masses are not assigned. You choose your date. The dates are 5/9, 5/10, 5/16 & 5/17 at all six parish liturgies. The student banner kit will be distributed to complete at home and return the day of the First Communion Retreat on Saturday, May 2nd. If you attended in 2018 or 2019 with an older child, you are not required to attend but please be sure to contact Suzanne with your liturgy choice and to pick up your materials at the Parish Office.

Inclement Weather Policy - PREP & Catechesis of the Good Shepherd 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, (PREP, ROCK & CGS) we notify WRAL with a posting. If you don't see StMM on the band running across the bottom of the screen then it is safe to conclude that we are in session. When available we will also post it on the parish website as well as send an email to all registered program families.



The Rock is back this weekend. Please join us at noon in the Gym.

Helpful Information to Stay Informed: www.stmm.church

Suzanne Will can be reached at will@stmm.net



Youth Ministry

Our schedule this Sunday, 2/9/20 is as follows:

EDGE 4:30pm-5:45pm Apostello 4:30pm-5:45pm Youth Mass 6pm The Way 7:15pm-8:30pm

GUYS ONLY HIGH SCHOOL RETREAT REGISTRATION IS

NOW OPEN!: We are so excited to announce the GUYS ON-LY HS Retreat 3/6/20-3/8/20. This retreat is open to all guys in grades 9th-12th and will be held at the same location as last vear complete with paintball and so much more! Our retreat host will be Matt Regitz who lives in Houston, TX and loves ministering to dudes! The registration form can be found at this link: http://www.stmm.church/religious-ed/highschool.cfm and can be turned in at The Way at the sign in table or to Liz Sams attn in the parish office. To secure a spot a teen must turn in a completed registration form along with a 50% deposit. This retreat does not meet the Confirmation guidelines & spots are limited to the # of beds. Transportation is not included in the retreat cost. The retreat is held at a location about 1 hour and 45 minutes away from STMM in Eastern NC. Info is on the retreat form.

HAITI MISSION TRIP 2020: We are taking the beginning steps to organize an Adult Only(18 and over) Mission Trip to Haiti. There will be an information session to help answer questions from folks who have already gone to Haiti before with HMI, here are the details:

StMM is in the beginning stages of organizing an Adult Mission Trip to Haiti through HMI.(18 years & older only) The trip would be 11/9/20 to 11/16/20 at a cost of \$1700/person (donation to Haiti Mission, Inc.). A \$1000 deposit would be due July 1, 2020, with the balance due October 1. An information session is going to be held on 2/20/20 in Room #3 of the church at 7pm. All inquiries should be directed to David Kurtz at david.kurtz4@gmail.com.

If you have a teen who:

- Has attended a Catholic HS for 1 year & will attend a Catholic HS next year
- currently in 10th/11th/12th grade
- does not participate in The Way youth group at STMM
- would like to receive the sacrament of Confirmation in May 2020 at STMM

They must have attended Catholic HS for their previous school year to enroll & your family must be a STMM registered parishioner There will be 5 sessions held during the 2nd semester of this school year on Sundays. (can only miss 1 session)

3/1, 3/8, 3/15, 3/22, AND 4/55 (Registration will close on 3/1/20 with no exceptions)

Online registration has now closed and you can find the paper form at this link: http://www.stmm.church/religious-ed/ highschool.cfm

Janine McGann can be reached at ianine.mcgann@gmail.com Liz Sams can be reached at liz.sams@gmail.com



RCIA

RCIA The next session is Monday, Feb 10th at 7:30 pm in Church Room 4. The discussion topic is: Temptation: Entering the Spiritual Question please contact Kathy or Scott Strednak Dessert. at RCIA@stmm.me



Today's Announcements



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 session is Thurs, 2/13 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) to register and to get meeting location.



Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion in sucharistic the Sacred Liturgy Training date is set for Sunday. February 16th from 1p-3p in Church Room 4.Use the entrance behind the statue of Jonah on the piazza. Contact Lisa at Ibwestbery13@gmail.com by Friday,

February 14th, if attending.



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. 17th, 9:30am—11am, in Church on the Go! meeting room #1. For more information, please con-

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

Fr. Dave Pivonka's new film series Metanoia is here! Join us Saturday mornings to watch Father Dave's newly-released video series Metanoia. Filmed in the Holy Land, this ten-segment, free study promises to open your heart to Jesus in a more profound way. If you enjoyed The Wild Goose series, you will love this. The title comes from a Greek word that means "change in one's way of life resulting from spiritual conversion." We hope you will come experience Metanoia with us from 8-9:30am every Saturday until the weekend after Easter. The Men's group will meet in Room 3 and the Women's group will meet in Room 4 at Church. No need to RSVP just come if - and when - you can! Questions, email Laura Werner at steubenvillemissionNC@gmail.com or Mike McGann at mcgannmi1970@gmail.com.

"Prayers & Squares" A prayer guilt 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 guilt 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



We will begin collecting last year's palms for Ash Wednesday, February 26. The deadline for collection is Sunday, February 16th. Please place them in the bin provided in the Narthex.



Need a recharge in your spiritual life? Wondering about God's purpose for you? Feeling empty, anxious, and needing more peace, joy and love in your STEUBENVILLE life? Reserve your spot at the Power and Purpose

Conference today! Over 1500 adults come to Franciscan University's beautiful campus in Steubenville, OH each summer to experience the power of the Holy Spirit. They leave with a renewed sense of God's presence in their lives. This conference will draw you deeper into relationship with the Holy Spirit and empower you to live in true freedom and joy. Registration 2020 Pricing Early Bird Rate (register by February 28, 2020) \$146 Standard Rate: \$176 Clergy/Religious/Young Adult (Age 18-30) Rate \$97

Please contact Laura Werner at 919-889-9904 or steubenvillemissionNC@gmail.com for more information, travel details, and registra-



Scout Sunday—February 23rd 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 9 AM Mass on Sunday, February

23rd. 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 stmm.scoutsunday@gmail.com by February 18th: 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. If confirmation of receipt of your information is not received within 48 hours, please contact Ben Ryan at 919-924-4888.

Calling all girls at StMM church and school! A special Sweetheart Tea and Dance is being planned just for you! Grab your best-loved dress and make a date with dad, grandpa, or your favorite uncle to attend this special afternoon on Saturday, March 21st from 2:00-4:00pm in the school gym. There will be games, activities, refreshments and a DJ! Tickets are \$10 per family and can be purchased through March 13th. Please email Erin Snow at erinsnow@gmail.com or Erin Bonasso at erinbonasso@gmail.com with any guestions.



St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church's 2020 Souper Bowl Collection raised: \$2,135 and 174 lbs. of food. Proceeds from this event were donated to Catholic Parish Outreach food pantry and Western Wake

Crisis Ministry food pantry. Thank you for helping to transform the time around the Super Bowl into the nation's largest celebration of giving and serving!

Save the Date: KofC Annual Lent Fish Fry...- Fri, March 6th, March 20th, and April 3rd in the Dining Hall from 5:30-7:45pm. Come out and enjoy a great meal with friends and family while supporting many worthy community causes championed by the Knights of Columbus.

The next parish breakfast will be this Sunday February 9th after 9am mass.

COMMEMORATIVE BRICKS – Commemorative bricks line the walkway to our Activities Building. St. Mary Magdalene Church will be placing a Spring brick order, the deadline is March 27th. The cost is \$100. Order forms are located in the parish office or http:// www.stmm.church/giving/ Commemorate a First Communion, a Graduation or remember a loved one with an engraved brick.



Tax statements are available online Please follow the directions for printing your statement on our website. http://www.stmm.church/ Tax statement instructions 2019.pdf For questions, email prewitt@stmm.net, or 919-657-4800 x7281.



Music and Sound System Ministries looking for new members! At every Mass every week we strive to provide beautiful music for your enjoyment and to enhance our Mass Celebrations. To accomplish this, we need volunteers to support each Mass. We are looking

for new adult members to join us, whether you play an instrument, sing or can help with the sound balancing each week during Mass.

For the adult music ministry that handles our three regular Masses each week, we practice together one hour a week year round on Monday evenings. It is a fun and rewarding group to belong to! Music and training are provided. Members for this group must be 18+ or Confirmed. We are looking for singers, pianists and other instrumentalists. Please contact our Music Director, Kristin Wagner, at stmm.music@gmail.com if you are interested to learn more or would like to tryout a practice session to see what we are all about.

The sound system ministry is an extremely important volunteer team that runs the sound, livestream camera, video displays, lighting and and even the church bells! We have a serious need for new volunteers in this area. All training and backup support is provided and commitment requirements can be from once a month to once a week, depending on your availability. If you have an ear for sound balance or enjoy working with digital sound systems and are willing to learn, please contact our sound system ministry at stmmsoundministry@gmail.com to learn more about this very important role in our church. Training times and schedule commitments are flexible.

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



Mark your calendars!

"UNPLANNED" the movie, will be shown here at St. Mary Magdalene's on March 1, 2020. Please join us from 12:00-3:00pm as this movie speaks volumes for the most vulnerable of humans, the preborn. More info to come.

40 Days for Life Spring Campaign in Chapel Hill. This campaign of prayer, fasting, and peaceful witness for an end to abortion, begins on Ash Wednesday, February 26, and ends on April 5 (7am-7pm daily). Location: public right-of-way outside of Planned Parenthood, 1765 Dobbins Drive, Chapel Hill, NC. For more information or to volunteer: 40daysforlife.com/chapel-hill or email 40dayschapelhill@gmail.com.

Pray the Rosary for Life at 10:10 on the 1st Sunday of the month in the Chapel. Our next Rosary for Life is Sunday, March 1, 2020. 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

Dr. Scott Hahn Talk Friday, February 28th, 7:30 PM Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Pinehurst https://stpaulcenter.com/pinehurst/ Dr. Scott Hahn, founder and President of the St. Paul Center for Biblical Theology, is one of the world's leading biblical scholars, Catholic apologist, and a leader of the New Evangelization called for by Saint Pope John Paul II. DO NOT MISS this opportunity to hear a great motivational speaker and defender of the Catholic faith. Dr. Hahn will speak about Christ's Divine Mercy, Reconciliation, the Eucharist, and covenant relationship with God.

HelpourMarriage.org It's not too late! Retrouvaille helps couriages. It is designed to help get your

marriage back on track. It will give you the opportunity to rediscover each other and examine your lives together in a new and positive way. This program has helped thousands of couples experiencing marital disillusionment and misery. For confidential information or to apply to attend the program beginning with the weekend of February 14, 2020, call 800-470-2230, or email: retrouvaillenc@msn.com, or visit the website at www.helpourmarriage.org. It is not too late to register!

Change in Date for Ignited By Truth! The 17th annual Catholic conference will be held on April 18, 2020, at Reynolds Coliseum in 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

Project Rachel Support Group-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 March, followed by a retreat in June. If you have experienced an abortion and would like (strictly confidential) information about the support group, contact Project Rachel at (919) 852-1021 or email: project.rachel@raldioc.org, or visit the website: http:// projectrachelnc.org/ Calls and appointments are kept strictly confidential.



Knights Corner

Calling all Catholic Men to the Knights of Columbus "A Catholic Fraternal Service Organization" 4 Principles: Charity / Unity/ Fraternity / Patriotism

Our local St. Mary Magdalene council 7186 remains one of the most vibrant and engaged organizations within our community. Did you know your local Knights of Columbus support; weekly rosary on Thursday night in the Chapel for the entire family, Friday morning Men's Bible Study, Catholic Parish Outreach (CPO), Respect Life, Brookridge Assisted Living Resident Visits, Financial support for our Church and School. Consider joining our local council by contacting Dan Cantrel, Grand Knight.

Online membership program at: http://kofc.org/un/joinus/en/ index.html

KofC 7186 council calendar of events: https://kofc7186.org/calendar



StMM School News

Opportunity Scholarship Informational Sessions

Did you know tuition assistance is available to families who desire a Catholic education for their son or daughter? The Opportunity Scholarship Program provides tuition assistance of up to \$4,200 per year for awarded students who enroll in a participating non-public school. The program is income-based. Parents interested in learning more about the Opportunity Scholarship and how this program can assist you with tuition at Saint Mary Magdalene Catholic School are invited to attend one of two informational sessions being held on Tuesday, February 11. Join us 8:15-9:15a.m. in StMM Church Meeting Room #1 or from 6:30-7:30pm in the StMM School Media Center.

Blood Drive

The Knights of Columbus and StMM School are partnering together for a blood drive on Thursday, February 27 from 2pm - 6pm. Please sign up to donate by visiting http://school.stmm.net/ and clicking on the "Announcements" link on the right. Not only will you be helping a great cause, but StMM school will also receive a \$10 donation for every person who donates!

Save the Date! Mass with Bishop Luis Rafael Zarama

The Bishop will be celebrating Mass at StMM with our school children on Thursday, April 23rd at 8:15am. After Mass he will be visiting with students and teachers in our school. Join us as we give Bishop Zarama a warm Saint Mary Magdalene welcome.

<u>Become a Monarch! Apply Now!</u> Our Admissions Department would be happy to give you a tour of our school and answer all of your questions. Contact Lydia Binanay at 919-335-8311, binanay@stmm.net. Applications for the 2020-21 school year are available on our school website: http://school.stmm.net/admissions/. We are accepting applications in grades PK3 - 8

News From Other Organizations

Tax Preparation In 2020, St. Andrew will again be a tax preparation site for the IRS Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program. The mission of the VITA program is to assist eligible taxpayers in satisfying their tax responsibilities by providing free tax return preparation. The Saint Andrew site will be available, by appointment only, on Saturday mornings beginning February 1, 2020 through April 11, 2020. The site is staffed completely by volunteers who completed training and certification in Volunteer Standards of Conduct as well as tax law, prior to being allowed to prepare federal and state returns. Professional income tax preparation software is used. See the St. Andrew website (www.saintandrew.org) for more information. To schedule an appointment online, use the link to sign-up on the website or call the parish office (919-362-0414, ext. 147).

The Legion of Mary at St Michael the Archangel Church in Cary. All are invited to pray the Rosary with us every Monday night 7pm rm3 Conference Center

For the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Community there is a sign language interpreted Mass usually at the 8:30am Sunday Mass at St. Michaels in Cary.

The men of F3 Carpex (Cary + Apex) invite all men from the St. Mary Magdalene parish to join us for weekly Fitness, Fellowship and Faith. It's much more than a workout, but it does start with early morning bootcamps across the Cary and Apex area, including right here at STMM every Wednesday morning. We meet in the parking lot on the far right side of the church at 0530 sharp (45 minute workout). All F3 workouts are open to ALL men and are FREE. Please consider joining the men of F3 for a great workout, real fellowship, and dedication to our faith and a belief in something bigger than ourselves. For more info email brianjodice@gmail.com or send Brian (aka F3 Hello Kitty) a text at (919)283-1204.

All men are invited to a pre-Lenten Men's Recollection at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Raleigh on Saturday, February 22 from 9am to 12:30pm. The Recollection will be led by Canons Matthew Talarico and Matthew Weaver from the Institute of Christ the King Sovereign Priest. The event is free and will take place in the church, concluding with Holy Mass at 11am. Holy Mass is open to all. For more information please contact Jeremy Kryn at jkryn@nc.rr.com.

Lenten Retreat with F. Jacek Leszcaynski OFMConv. "You must be strong through power of your faith." March 15 – 16 at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Raleigh. Sunday 4pm Confession, 5pm Mass, 6pm Lenten Conference Monday 6:30pm Stations of the Cross 7pm Lenten Conference

The Career Network Ministry presents Interviewing Strategies & Tactics, featuring Deb Oronzio, a Career Strategist with Self-Empower Career Coaching, Thursday, February 13, 8:30 - 10:30 am at St. Andrew The Apostle, Main Building, Room 8. Come and gain some insight into how you can better prepare for that next interview!



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.

www.parishathleticsnc.org

Service Opportunities

Collection for returning military:

In July of 2019, over 600 soldiers assigned to the 82nd Airborne Division (3rd Brigade, 505th Parachute Infantry Regiment, 2nd Battalion) deployed to Afghanistan to support Operation Enduring Freedom. Approximately 385 of the 600 soldiers were living in barracks at Fort Bragg. In December 2019 the barracks were deemed unlivable and all belongings were moved to storage. These soldiers are returning from Afghanistan in March 2020, to new barracks, but will not have access to their stored belongings for many days. They will be tired, in need of basic toiletries and the ability to wash the limited pieces of clothing that they have on them. Area Scouts are collecting and putting together 385 hygiene kits to be delivered to Fort Bragg and placed on the bed of each returning soldier. We'll be collecting these items at STMM on 2/16/20 before and after all the Masses, PREP, CGS, The EDGE, Apostello, & The Way. If you'd like to help, please donate any of the following items:

- Toothpaste
- Toothbrush
- Body Wash
- Shampoo
- Deodorant
- Small Bottle of Water
- 2 Laundry Pods

Sister Parish in Haiti & Haiti House Building Project:

<u>Haiti House Building:</u> We have begun our fund raising for another house to be built in Haiti! If you'd like to see a picture of the house that St. Mary Magdalene built through the generous donations of our parish community, please go to this link to see the house and learn about the family who now calls it their home:

https://www.haitimissioninc.com/hmi-houses-147-current (our home is #151)

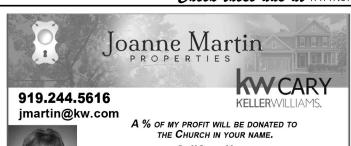
If you'd like to help us with this effort, please go to this link to donate online via the STMM payment online system:

https://secure.accessacs.com/access/oglogin.aspx?sn=102397&f

Use the drop down button "Select a fund" and select "House in Haiti" so we can make sure it goes to the right account.

For every \$3,750.00 we fund raise, Haiti Mission Inc will match it and a house gets built for a family in Jeremie, Haiti!!!

If you do not want to donate online, please mail in a check to the parish office with "House in Haiti" in the Memo Line to StMM, 625 Magdala Place, Apex, NC 27502



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