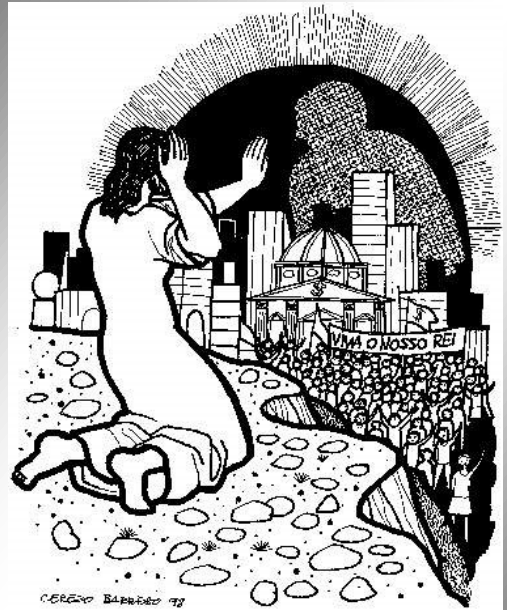


# St. Mary Magdalene

CATHOLIC CHURCH



**First Sunday  
Of Lent  
March 1, 2020**



## Reflection

*Twofold character of Lent:* It's clear that Lent is a penitential season. However, that's just half the story. Lent has a twofold character. First, it is a time to recall or prepare for baptism. That is why we celebrate so many of the rites from the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults during Lent. All the baptized assist those preparing to be initiated by "joining the catechumens in reflecting on the value of the paschal mystery and by renewing their own conversion" (RCIA 4). In Lent, we renew our conversion to Christ, particularly through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving.

Recollecting our baptism leads us to the second character of the season. As members of the baptized, we realize that we have not always lived up to our baptismal promises. Our actions and attitudes do not always reflect our faith in the Father, in Jesus, or in the Holy Spirit. Those preparing for baptism may have their moments of doubt as well. For them and for the baptized, penance, especially through more attentive listening to the word of God and fervent prayer, helps us reorient our lives to Christ and dispose us to celebrate his death and resurrection.

**Mass Today—41**      **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—March 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, and 29th

### PARISH CONTACTS

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Be merciful O Lord for we have sinned. Be merciful O Lord for we have sinned.

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# PASTOR'S PARAGRAPH

My Dear Friends,

As we begin Lent and draw closer to Easter the church ceremonies for our RCIA members are more prominent in the weekend Liturgy. This week at the 10:45 Mass we have the Rite of Sending of candidates for baptism to our Bishop. They will join with candidates from all over the Diocese at the Cathedral Sunday afternoon. We in our parish support all the efforts of our RCIA program and the people who have attended classes this year.

Thank you so much for all who sent in their support for our parish BAA this week. We now have received \$181,011 which is 94% of our goal. We have received these gifts/pledges from 554 families, 28% of our 2,119 parish families. We await with great anticipation the response of the remaining 1,568 families.

Keep in mind Almsgiving is part of our practice at Lent. A gift to the BAA is Almsgiving and helps our Diocese and its ministries. All fund over goal come back to our parish.

There will be **Confessions** Saturday at 10:30 and also on Saturday March 7 at 10:30, after Baptisms.

Remember in our prayers those who have died this week. John Lechner, Christopher Pearce, Dale Budd and Joaquin Reyes, III

Father Donald Staib

## IMPORTANT

### PARISH DATES

#### March

- 1—2nd Collection—Black & Indian Missions
- 1—Rosary for Life—10:10am—Chapel
- 1—Respect Life Movie—12pm Church Room 3 and 4
- 1—Youth Mass—6pm
- 2—RCIA—7:30pm—Church Room 4
- 5—Family Rosary—7pm—Chapel
- 6—High School Guys Retreat
- 6—KofC Fish Fry—5:30pm—7:45pm—Dining Hall
- 6—Stations of the Cross—7pm—Church
- 7—8—"Feed a Family" Food Drive—after all Masses
- 8—Youth Mass—6pm
- 8—Lent Parish Mission—7:15pm—Church
- 9—Safe Environment Training—6:30pm
- 9-10—Lent Parish Mission—7pm—Church
- 9-10—1st Communion Parent Mtg-10:30am & 6pm—Church Rm 3
- 9—RCIA—7:30pm—Church Room 4
- 12—Penance Service—7pm—Church
- 13—Stations of the Cross—7pm—Church
- 15—Youth Mass—6pm
- 16—RCIA—7:30pm—Church Room 4

**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

- Feb 29—5pm—David Hils—Veronica Mullaney
- Mar 1—9am—John Santori—Richard & Theresa Kuzel & Family
- Mar 1—10:45am—Noah Dombkowski—Lou Ann Sas
- Mar 4—8:15am—Thanksgiving for friends—Fran Hughes
- Mar 5—8:15am—Barbara Koonter—Hils Family
- Mar 6—8:15am—Joseph Houston—McCormack 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 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 Ed



**First Communion Parent Meetings Next Week.** Parents of second graders and Intermediate Sacrament Students are to attend only one meeting. They will be held in Church Room 3. Please enter through Jonah Door.

- Monday, March 9<sup>th</sup> 10:30 am or 6:00 pm
- Tuesday, March 10<sup>th</sup> 10:30 or 6:00 pm

At this meeting you will:

1. Sign up for the Mass you want for First Communion. Choose from:  
Saturday 5/9/20 5:00 pm  
Sunday 5/10/20 9:00 am or 10:45 am  
Saturday 5/16/20 at 5:00 pm  
Sunday 5/17/20 9:00 am or 10:45 am
2. Pick up the student banner kit and materials to complete at home and returned the day of the First Communion Retreat.
3. Volunteer for First Communion Retreat held Saturday, May 2, 2020.
4. If you attended the Parent Meeting 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.

**CPO Toilet Tissue Donations for Grade 4** are scheduled for today, Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup> & Wednesday, March 18<sup>th</sup>. Please donate whatever your means will allow.

**Attention Parents of Fourth Graders:** You are invited to accompany your fourth grade child on Sunday, March 22 from 12:00 – 1:15 pm in the gym to experience the Rock (Reaching Out for Christ). **The ROCK** is a relational ministry program for preteens in grades five & six that encourages the youth to encounter Jesus Christ and His Church unceasingly. We hold fast to his teachings, foster a Christ-centered community, and seek participation in the sacraments and prayer.



Please join us at noon in the Gym.

**Helpful Information to Stay Informed:** [www.stmm.church](http://www.stmm.church)

Suzanne Will can be reached at [will@stmm.net](mailto:will@stmm.net)



**Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW)** is co-op ministry geared for children ages 3 years to first grade, guiding them through a portion of the Mass in a prayerful, kid-centered way. We would be delighted to have your family join us! Please be sure to register your child (ren) to participate by emailing our ministry at [stmmclow@gmail.com](mailto:stmmclow@gmail.com). All parents will need to use the online sign-up to serve as parent assistant or C-Level leader throughout the year for this program to continue. Thank you for helping to make this ministry flourish!



## Youth Ministry

**Our schedule this Sunday, 3/1/20 is as follows:**

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

**Miracle League buddies needed!** StMM is looking for 10 'buddies' who are 12 years and older to help kids with special needs to play the great game of baseball! **When:** 3/26 from 6pm-8:45pm at Adams Elementary on Cary Towne Blvd in Cary. To sign up to be a buddy, please send an email to Liz at [liz.sams@gmail.com](mailto:liz.sams@gmail.com) who will send you a buddy registration form. This is a fantastic and fun way to serve in our community!

**GUYS ONLY HIGH SCHOOL RETREAT REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN! LIMITED SPOTS LEFT!** We are so excited to announce the GUYS ONLY 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 year 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 House Building:** We have begun our fund raising for another house to be built in Haiti! 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.accesssacs.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 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

**Session starts this Sunday!!!!!!**

**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)**

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





## Today's Announcements

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!! LENT PARISH MISSION 3/8-3/10:

STMM is incredibly excited to host Sr. Miriam James Heidland, SOLT for our 2020 Lent Parish Mission: Encountering the Heart of Christ: Hope and Healing in the Lenten Season. Sun: 7:15pm-8:30pm, Mon & Tues: 7pm-8:30pm. Sr. Miriam James Heidland is a former Division I athlete who had a radical conversion and joined the Society of Our Lady of the Most Holy Trinity (SOLT) in 1998. Her story has been featured on EWTN's The Journey Home, SEEK Conferences, Steubenville Conferences, USCCB Convocation and other outlets. She holds a Master's degree in Theology from the Augustine Institute and speaks extensively on the topics of conversion, authentic love, forgiveness, healing (and sports!). Sr. Miriam's podcast, Abiding Together, can be found on iTunes and her book, Loved As I Am, can be found on Amazon. She tweets at @onegroovynun



**St. Mary Magdalene Rosary** Have you resolved to pray more in 2020? Would you like to pray the Rosary but are not sure how to start? Do you want to increase your prayers during Lent? "The greatest method of praying is to pray the Rosary." – Saint Francis de Sales. The Knight of Columbus would like to invite all you to join us for the Rosary on Thursdays at 7:00. Every one of all ages is invited. Rosaries and prayer guides are provided by the Knights of Columbus. No experience is necessary. 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 or to leave a prayer request at [jsebik@icloud.com](mailto:jsebik@icloud.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 week-end 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](mailto:steubenvillemissionNC@gmail.com) or Mike McGann at [mcgannmi1970@gmail.com](mailto:mcgannmi1970@gmail.com).



**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.



**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 Mon, 3/9 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.



STEUBENVILLE  
CONFERENCES

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 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 Standard Rate: \$176 Clergy/Religious/Young Adult (Age 18-30) Rate \$97**

Please contact Laura Werner at 919-889-9904 or [steubenvillemissionNC@gmail.com](mailto:steubenvillemissionNC@gmail.com) for more information, travel details, and registration.

Calling all PreK3—8<sup>th</sup> grade 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 at <https://payit.nelnet.net/form/GIMjGzsk> through March 13th. Please email Erin Snow at [erinsnow@gmail.com](mailto:erinsnow@gmail.com) or Erin Bonasso at [erinbonasso@gmail.com](mailto:erinbonasso@gmail.com) with any questions.

### Fish Fry Alert!



**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. **Fish Fry this Friday! Pre-order at [www.lentfishfry.com](http://www.lentfishfry.com)**

**KofC 2020 Free Throw Championship!** Friday, March 6 at 6:00 p.m. Open to boys and girls ages 9-14. Winners in each age group earn prizes and qualify to compete for district-level honors. Details at [www.kofc7186.org/youth](http://www.kofc7186.org/youth) or contact David Tate at [tatedavid2001@gmail.com](mailto:tatedavid2001@gmail.com).

**Stations of the Cross** – Join us each Friday in Lent at 7pm in the Church.



Catholic Parish Outreach  
A Program of Catholic Charities  
Providing Help - Creating Hope - Serving All

**"Feed-A-Family" Food Drive Comes to Mary Magdalene** Did you know that Catholic Parish Outreach food pantry gave a week's worth of groceries to an average of 8,200 people / month in 2019? Volunteers will be handing out grocery bags with an attached shopping list or a donation of \$30 feeds a family for one week. Please help CPO serve the less fortunate in our community by **taking a bag and returning it on March 7th and 8th**. We are also in great need of books for preschoolers for our children's clothing ministry. If you have any questions or would like to help with this project, please contact Kelly Rapp at [krapp@nc.rr.com](mailto:krapp@nc.rr.com) or Kathy Barnack at [kbarnack957@gmail.com](mailto:kbarnack957@gmail.com)

**"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](mailto:lcmorris0707@gmail.com)



**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](http://www.stmm.church/Tax_statement_instructions_2019.pdf)  
For questions, email [prewitt@stmm.net](mailto:prewitt@stmm.net), or 919-657-4800 x7281.

**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.'

### **Norms for Fasting and Abstinence**

Ash Wednesday, **February 26, 2020**, and Good Friday, **April 10, 2020**, are days of fasting and abstinence. Fridays of Lent are also days of abstinence.

Fasting is to be observed by all 18 years of age and older, who have not yet celebrated their 59th birthday. On a fast day one full meal is allowed. Two other meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids, including milk and juices, are allowed.

Abstinence is observed by all 14 years of age and older. On days of abstinence, no meat is allowed. Note that when health or ability to work would be seriously affected, Church law does not oblige. When in doubt concerning fast and abstinence, the parish priest should be consulted.

Fasting, almsgiving, and prayer are the three traditional disciplines of Lent. The faithful and Catechumens should undertake these practices seriously in a spirit of penance and of preparation for Initiation into the Church or the renewal of Baptismal Promises at Easter.



### **Respect Life News**

Thank you to all who will come together at St. Mary Magdalene's to view "Unplanned" this weekend. And a special thank you to those who have volunteered for this event.

**40 Days for Life** Spring Campaign in **Raleigh**. Join this campaign of prayer, & peaceful witness for an end to abortion, **Feb. 26, through April 5**. Location: public right-of-way outside Women's Choice Abortion Clinic, 3305 Drake Circle, Raleigh, NC 27607. For more information visit: [www.40daysforlife.com/raleigh](http://www.40daysforlife.com/raleigh)

**SAVE THE DATE! Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup>** Matt Britton, General Counsel for 40 Days for Life will be touring North Carolina, bringing with him **FATHER FRANK PAVONE**, National Director of Priests for Life! One of the most prominent pro-life leaders in the world, Fr. Pavone produces programs regularly for religious and secular radio and TV. Fr. Pavone is a captivating speaker, you won't want to miss this!

**CAMPAIGN INFO:** [www.40daysforlife.com/winstonsalem](http://www.40daysforlife.com/winstonsalem)

Pray the **Rosary for Life at 10:10** on the 1<sup>st</sup> 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**



The 17th annual Ignited By Truth Conference will be held on April 18, 2020 at NC State's Reynolds Coliseum in Raleigh. Adult Advance Tickets are just \$15, Students age 10-college are **FREE!** Speakers Matthew Leonard, Jesse Romero, Helen Alvare, Stephanie Gray, and John Bergsma have been featured on Fox, ABC News, CBS, EWTN, and Relevant Radio. The youth program with Fr. Ian Van Heusen and Dana Catherine includes FREE Pizza, Music, Speaker, and Prayer. Experience the 4:30pm Divine Mercy Vigil Mass and confessions throughout the day. Receive the promise of Divine Mercy. Who will you invite? Tickets: [IgnitedByTruth.org](http://IgnitedByTruth.org) or 919-789-1428. St. MM Parish contact: Laurie Wendt, [lauriewendt@gmail.com](mailto:lauriewendt@gmail.com)

**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@rldioc.org](mailto:project.rachel@rldioc.org), or visit the website: <http://projectrachelnc.org/> Calls and appointments are kept strictly confidential.

**Talk on Gangs, Service, and Kinship** - St. Thomas More will host Fr. Greg Boyle, SJ, and two homeboys on Friday, March 13, at 7:30 p.m. in the church sanctuary to talk about "The Calling to Delight: Gangs, Service, and Kinship." Fr. Greg Boyle, SJ, is the founder of Homeboy Industries and author of "Tattoos on the Heart." He will explore the connection between service and delight, and compassion and awe. This event is free and open to the public. Sponsored by the St. Thomas More Image and Likeness Committee.

**DIVINE MERCY RADIO 540AM**

Tune in to **Faith Works with Ellen White** on **CATHOLIC 540-AM • DIVINE MERCYRADIO**. On Friday March 6<sup>th</sup> & Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> at noon and Sunday March 8<sup>th</sup> at 1PM, the radio show will feature a special interview Fr. Philip Tighe, the Diocese of Raleigh Director of Vocations. Fr. Tighe will share his incredible faith-filled journey of discovery, treatment, and healing of stage IV esophageal cancer. His journey includes stories about the Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes, St. Bernadette's prayer book, Father Thomas F. Price, and how God's merciful love and this illness have changed his life.

### **Lent Penance Services 2020**

Monday, March 2 (7pm)  
Tuesday, March 3 (11am)  
Thursday, March 12 (7pm)  
Wednesday, March 18 (11am)  
Tuesday, March 24 (7pm)  
Wednesday, March 25 (7pm)  
Thursday, March 26 (11am)  
Thursday, April 2 (7pm)

St. Raphael, Raleigh  
Our Lady of Lourdes, Raleigh  
St. Mary Magdalene  
St. Michael the Archangel  
Holy Name of Jesus Cathedral  
St. Michael the Archangel  
St. Bernadette, Fuquay Varina  
St. Bernadette, Fuquay Varina





## StMM School News

**Our Lenten Journey** Please join the students at StMM School during our special Lenten services.

**Lenten Prayer Service** - March 2nd at 9:00am in our Church.

**Stations of the Cross** - March 6th, 20th, 27th at 2:00pm. April 3rd at 9:00am. Held in our Church.

**Living Stations** - April 9th at 10:30am in the school gym.

### Marfan Syndrome Fundraiser

Our middle-school students should be plenty proud! Last week they participated in a "Fill the Heart Challenge" benefitting the Marfan Syndrome Foundation. Homerooms competed against each other to see who could raise the most money. Together they brought in a whopping \$2,113.74 in just 3 days! The fundraiser was organized by 8th grader, Jordan Hannan. This is the 4th year Jordan has coordinated a Marfan fundraiser at school. For the first 3 years Jordan and StMM alum, now Cardinal Gibbons student, Ansley Siano, held bake sale fundraisers. This year, Jordan worked solo on the challenge, which will be her last at SMM School.

### StMM Employment Opportunities

St. Mary Magdalene Catholic School has several employment opportunities available for the 2020-21 school year. We are currently accepting resumes for a 1st Grade Teacher, 7th & 8th Grade Science Teacher, 7th & 8th Grade Math Teacher, and a 6th Grade Teacher. Full job postings are available on our website, <http://school.stmm.net/about-stmm/employment.cfm>.

### StMM School Availability for the 2020-21 School Year

Full-day 3 and 4 year old preschool classes at StMM are full for the 2020-21 school year! We do have a waitlist and some space remains in the half-day programs. Additionally, next year's 2nd, 4th, 6th, and 8th grades are filling up quickly. If you are interested in StMM School for your child, please don't wait! Apply now at <http://school.stmm.net/admissions/>. Questions? Contact Lydia Binanay at 919-335-8311, [binanay@stmm.net](mailto:binanay@stmm.net).

## 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 **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](http://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 **Career Network Ministry** presents "Design & Execute Your Dream Job Search," featuring Tony Kershaw, Community Manager, General Assembly, Thursday, March 12, 2020, 8:30 - 10:30 am at St. Andrew The Apostle, Main Building, Room 8, 3008 Old Raleigh Rd., Apex, NC 27502. Come and gain some insight into how you can enhance your job search!

### Find Your Peace in the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius Loyola

Join us for a silent retreat for women, Friday, May 22 through Sunday, May 24, 2020, led by Father Stephen Ellis, LC, at the Catholic Conference Center, 1551 Trinity Lane, Hickory, NC 28602. Cost is \$395 after March 1. Learn to pray better and listen to God speak in the quiet of your heart. Please contact [mbphil@bellsouth.net](mailto:mbphil@bellsouth.net) or 919-274-9362 for information and registration.



Join **Catholic Charities** for our 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual "Drive Out Hunger" Golf Outing at Prestonwood Country Club in Cary on Monday, April 27. Proceeds will support the 5 Catholic Charities food pantries across the diocese which distribute nearly 3 million pounds of food each year. For more information and to register, please visit [www.CatholicCharitiesRaleigh.org/golf-2020](http://www.CatholicCharitiesRaleigh.org/golf-2020). For questions please contact Katey Fithian, Development Director, at [Katey.Fithian@raldioc.org](mailto:Katey.Fithian@raldioc.org) or by phone at (919) 821 - 8142



## 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 4<sup>th</sup>.

**Dates:** April - June.

**Practice Locations:** Apex only.

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

### Spring Softcrosse (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.

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





**Please help!** Recently, members of several parish ministries came together to think about how to best share the wonderful adult ministries available at our parish as well as discover what our community still needs. We are a growing parish, and we want to be intentional with how we launch new options for spiritual growth and community-building. With that in mind, we designed an **Adult Ministry Survey**.

Which ministries do you know about, and what are you looking for? The survey asks about the types of programming you're interested in, the days and times that work best for you, and if you need childcare.

*We can't make good decisions without good information, and we won't have good information without you!*

We know how busy you are, so the survey is short and easy to take!! You can access the survey in three different ways: this survey link <https://tinyurl.com/STMMSurvey2020>, the above QR code, or by paper copy available in the Gathering Space. The survey will close on March 16th.

**Please take five minutes today and help St. Mary Magdalene plan for exciting and engaging faith experiences in the days to come!** We are excited to see what the Holy Spirit has planned for our parish!!



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