

# St. Mary Magdalene

CATHOLIC CHURCH



**Second Sunday  
Of Lent  
March 8, 2020**



## Reflection

### Characteristics of Peak Experiences

**Significance:** Peak experiences lead to an increase in personal awareness and understanding and can serve as a turning point in a person's life.

**Fulfillment:** Peak experiences generate positive emotions and are intrinsically rewarding.

**Spiritual:** During a peak experience, people feel at one with the world and often experience a sense of losing track of time.

**Mass Today—42 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 8th, 15th, 22nd, and 29th**

### PARISH CONTACTS

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# PASTOR'S PARAGRAPH

My Dear Friends,

Congratulations and Thanks to Parish Members

We have reached our parish Bishop's Annual Appeal goal. We have received \$222,189 which is 116% of our parish goal. We have received these gifts/pledges from 630 families, 32% of our 2,119 parish families. It would be wonderful to receive a pledge/gift from the remaining 1,489 families – envelopes are in the pews.

On a practical church note -- to minimize transferring a virus, we have stopped using the cup at Communion. Our Communion Ministers purify their hands when they come to the altar. If you prefer not to shake hands at Mass, you may bow to one another. In order to minimize touching another person's mouth, it would be helpful not to receive Communion on the tongue during this crisis.

Thank you for the Ash Wednesday collection for Eastern Europe of \$4,002. And for the USA Missions 2<sup>nd</sup> collection of \$3,163

**Confessions:** There will be Confessions on Saturday March 7 at 10:30, after Baptisms; there will also be Confessions on Saturday March 14, at 10:30.

Due to a power surge in Apex, the telephone system at StMM is not working properly. Technicians are currently installing a new system.

Father Donald Staib

## IMPORTANT

### PARISH DATES

#### March

- 7—8—"Feed a Family" Food Drive—after all Masses
- 8—Haiti Fundraiser—Sistine Chapel VR Tour—2:30pm—Gym
- 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
- 12—Family Rosary—7pm—Church
- 13—Stations of the Cross—7pm—Church
- 15—Youth Mass—6pm
- 16—Catholic Senior Organization—9:30am—Church Room 1
- 16—RCIA—7:30pm—Church Room 4
- 19—Family Rosary—7pm—Chapel
- 20—Stations of the Cross—7pm—Church
- 20—KofC Fish Fry—5:30pm—Dining Hall
- 22—Bump Up Day for 4th and 6th graders
- 22—Youth Mass—6pm
- 23—RCIA—7:30pm—Church Room 4
- 26—Family Rosary—7pm—Chapel
- 27—Stations of the Cross—7pm—Church
- 27—Brick Order Deadline

**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

- Mar 7—5pm—Parishioners of StMM
- Mar 8—9am—Betty Bedotto—Jim Bedotto
- Mar 8—10:45am—Walter Batson—Delehanty Family
- Mar 11—8:15am—Joseph & Agnes Baker—John Baker
- Mar 12—8:15am—Augusto & Loredona Trolani—Muri 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 This 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 next weekend 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.



On Sunday March 8<sup>th</sup>, we will NOT meet at our regularly scheduled time. Instead, we are inviting ALL of our ROCK families to attend the parish Lenten mission with Sr. Miriam from 7:15 - 8:30 pm in the church. ROCKers cannot attend alone but must have a parent. With all the tender love we can muster in our hearts, we beg you to not see this as "a day off from faith formation". Please. We spent a long time in prayer debating whether or not to move times. Our biggest fear is that you would see this as an opportunity to take a Sunday off. Lent is a time of prayer and fasting. Fast from wanting to stay home. Join us Sunday night, as a family, to hear this incredible preacher, soul healer and disciple of Jesus. Trust me, she is worth rearranging your schedule for.

**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)



## Youth Ministry

**Our schedule this Sunday, 3/8/20 is as follows:**

**Edge** is moving their gathering time to 7:15pm-8:30pm to allow Edgers & their families to attend the Lent Parish Mission this Sunday hosted by Sr. Miriam James Heidland! We'll have **Youth Mass** this Sunday at 6pm with the Parish Mission starting after mass at 7:15pm in the church All families, ages are welcome to attend & you do NOT want to miss this night. This is a regular night for **The Way** and all friends and family members are welcome to attend! **Apostello** teens should contact their Apostello leader to see what the plans are for their Apostello group.

**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!

**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

**Bump Up Day!** What in the world is BUMP UP? For student's in 4<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade it's a big year. It's your BUMP UP year! This means they are on the cusp of bumping up to the next youth group. This is a huge leap. **BUMP UP this year is March 22nd.** And it's an amazing opportunity for your child/tween to experience AND GET EXCITED for their bump up to the next youth group. 4<sup>th</sup> graders will be attending THE ROCK from 12-1:15 pm on March 22nd. And 6<sup>th</sup> graders will be attending The EDGE from 4:30-5:45 pm that Sunday. There will also be a mandatory meeting for all parents of students bumping up to the next youth group. The parent meeting for the 2020-2021 ROCK parents will be from 12-1 in the youth room in the activity building and the parents of future EDGERS will also be in the youth room from 4:40-5:40. We cannot wait to see you all there! For questions please email [Janine.mcgann@gmail.com](mailto:Janine.mcgann@gmail.com)

**Want to visit Michelangelo's Sistine chapel without leaving Apex?** Small Group 8 of the EDGE program would like to invite you to tour the Sistine Chapel right here at STMM! They are bringing in virtual reality equipment that will allow you to tour the chapel as if you were actually there! All proceeds will go to our Haiti house fund. This Sunday, **March 8<sup>th</sup>** in the gym  
Time: 2:30-5:30pm right before Youth Mass and Sr. Miriam's Lenten Mission  
Cost: per user would be \$5 for 5 minutes. Fee or donation is not required and is voluntary. For more information you can go to: <https://store.steampowered.com/app/1165850/>  
IL DIVINO Michelangelos Sistine Ceiling in VR/



## RCIA

**RCIA** The next session is Monday, March 9th at 7:30 pm in Church Room 4. The discussion topic is: Lenten Stories. Question please contact Kathy or Scott Strednak at [RCIA@stmm.me](mailto:RCIA@stmm.me)



## 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 [@onegroovyvynun](https://twitter.com/onegroovyvynun)



**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. \_\_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.

**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.'



**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/GIMjJgzk> 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 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)**



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)

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



**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.



**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, Feb. 17th, 9:30am—11am, in Church meeting room #1. For more information, please contact

Miriam Moore, [miriamdel79@yahoo.com](mailto:miriamdel79@yahoo.com), 919-387-8676 or Fran Hughes, [gmomfran@gmail.com](mailto:gmomfran@gmail.com).



**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!

### **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.

### **Lent Penance Services 2020**

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. Mary Magdalene  
St. Michael the Archangel  
Holy Name of Jesus Cathedral  
St. Michael the Archangel  
St. Bernadette, Fuquay Varina  
St. Bernadette, Fuquay Varina



### **Respect Life News**

**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** (7am-7pm daily). Come at any time and pray for those suffering from abortion. Location: public right-of-way outside Women's Choice Abortion Clinic, 3305 Drake Circle, Raleigh, NC 27607. There is another location at Planned Parenthood in Chapel Hill. For more information and to register for a time slot, visit: [www.40daysforlife.com](http://www.40daysforlife.com), Email Jane at [breslinjane@verizon.net](mailto:breslinjane@verizon.net) or Paula Hils at [phils@bellsouth.net](mailto:phils@bellsouth.net) if you have questions.

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, April 5, 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@raldioc.org](mailto:project.rachel@raldioc.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.

Tune in to **Faith Works with Ellen White** on **CATHOLIC 540-AM • DIVINE MERCY RADIO**. On 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.



## StMM School News

### Kindergarten Assessment Day

Students entering kindergarten at StMM for the 2020-21 school year are reminded that a mandatory kindergarten assessment day is scheduled for Thursday, March 12th from 9:00-10:30am. This is an opportunity for our kindergarten staff to meet with and learn about these young students. It is also a good time for incoming students to see the kindergarten classrooms and meet new friends. If you are considering StMM kindergarten for your child next year, it is not too late. Please apply now at <http://school.stmm.net/admissions/> or contact Lydia Binanay at 919-335-8311, [binanay@stmm.net](mailto:binanay@stmm.net).

### Stations of the Cross

Please note there will be NO stations of the cross this coming Friday, March 13th, as our school is not in session that day. Stations are scheduled for March 20th and 27th at 2:00pm, as well as, April 3rd at 9:00am. On Holy Thursday, April 9th, the StMM 5th grade students will present the Living Stations at 10:30am in the school gym. All are invited to attend.

### Summer Camps

We are pleased to announce that StMM School will be offering summer camps during the first 3 weeks of June for rising K-8 students. There is something for everyone - athletics, arts, science, cooking and more! Morning sessions will run from 8:30-11:30am. Afternoon sessions will be from 12:30-3:30pm. Additionally, before care and after care will be available and there will be an hour lunch period for those students attending both a morning and afternoon session. Check out all the offerings and register online at: <http://school.stmm.net/about-stmm/summercamp.cfm>.



## 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

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

## Ministry Corner

### Welcome Dinner

**Charter:** Provide a soup and salad dinner for recently registered parishioners. At the meal, extend a welcome and provide information about the parish. Help is needed in preparation of the meal, serving the meal and clean up.

**Membership:** Any member of the parish may volunteer to help.

**Meetings:** Welcome dinners are scheduled 2 to 3 times per year, nominally on a Saturday after the 5:00pm mass.

**Cost:** Volunteers provide soup, salad and desserts. St Mary Magdalene will provide the paper plates, cups, napkins and drinks.

**Time Commitment:** The time commitment is 2 to 3 hours per dinner. Volunteers who can't attend the dinner can help by dropping off an entrée or dessert.

**Other Comments:** Participation by other committees is encouraged. This is an opportunity to provide information to new families about the various ministries at St Mary Magdalene.

## News From Other Organizations

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 3rd 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

### Voice of the Voiceless: Commemorating Oscar Romero

Duke Divinity School and the Center for Reconciliation with the Fiesta Cristiana congregation in Apex will hold a Concert and Worship Service commemorating the 40th anniversary of Oscar Romero's martyrdom March 22 at 1:30 p.m. at Apex United Methodist Church in Apex, N.C. Romero, the late Salvadoran archbishop who was shot by an assassin as he celebrated mass in a hospital chapel in 1980, was canonized as a saint by Pope Francis in 2018. Several events and worship services are being held in the larger North Carolina community from March 20-26 to commemorate his prophetic ministry as a voice of the voiceless.



**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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