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#### St. Mary Magdalene E-News April 12, 2019

#### A Note From Father Donald Staib

On Holy Thursday at the 7 pm Mass we have the ceremony of the washing of the feet, as Jesus did at the Last Supper. 12 members of the parish are invited to volunteer - from 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and up. Let me know directly so I can keep an accurate list.

Our Holy Week schedule is: Holy Thursday at 7 pm. Good Friday Stations of the Cross at 12 noon. Good Friday Liturgy at 3 pm. Holy Saturday at 8 pm. There is no 5 pm Mass on Holy Saturday.

On Tuesday of Holy Week our Bishop will bless the Holy Oils at 2 pm at the Cathedral. You are invited to attend.

Did you notice in our Diocesan magazine NC Catholics the current issue features our own Youth Directors Liz Sams and Janine McCann? Congratulations to them and thanks for all their devoted work for our parish youth.

Regarding the Bishop's Annual Appeal - so far we have 731 donors who have given \$233,003. So far we have about 41% parish participation. Gift/Pledge forms are in the pew racks.

**CONFESSIONS:** At St Mary Magdalene there will be Confessions on Saturday April 13 at 10:30, after Baptisms. There will not be Confessions on Holy Saturday.

Father Donald Staib
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### Our 10:45am Mass is Live Streamed!

Click HERE to Live Stream our 10:45am Mass

#### **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.

#### Reflection

Luke's Passion account highlights how much Jesus loved life. His struggle to say yes to his Father's will ("take this cup away from me") was so intense that he sweat blood. He also intensely loved others and their lives: he healed the man with the severed ear, comforted the women of Jerusalem, forgave his executioners, promised Paradise to the repentant thief.

For the sake of others' life he was willing to give over his own life ("not my will but yours be done"). Jesus' struggle and self-giving is to be ours. While intensely loving the Life given us, we also are to give it over for others.

### **Financial Matters**

OUR NEW CHURCH - We have the obligation to make large monthly payments for 14 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.

#### DONATE NOW TO OUR NEW CHURCH

(Click on the above link to Donate)

### **Email Scam**

**Beware Email Scam** - Parishioners have been receiving scam emails that appear to be from priests in the diocese. Some emails are asking for you to purchase i-tunes cards. Do not respond. These emails are a scam.

#### Picture of the Week



Thank you to the Chrysalis couples for a successful clean-up of the campus.

## Parish Religious Education Program



New for 2019-20

"THE ROCK" (Reaching Out for Christ). A new youth group for 5th/6th grade. The ROCK will meet on Sundays from 12:00-1:15 pm right after 10:45 mass. It will have a similar flavor to

our other relational ministry youth groups. There will be a Parent Meeting to discuss this new program on Sunday, May  $5^{th}$  from 12:00 - 1:00 pm in the Media Center in the School Building.

<u>First Eucharist Retreat</u> is Saturday, May 4, 2019 from 8:30 am - 12:00 noon in the Activities Building. Please bring the communion banner, the family focus poster and pick up your seating reservation that morning.

<u>Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowls</u> Thanks to all who contributed. \$634.79 was sent to Catholic Relief Services.

<u>Holy Week & Easter Holiday Schedule</u> - There are no Religious Education Classes during Holy Week - Sunday, April 14, Tuesday, April 16, Wednesday, April 17, and Easter Week - Sunday, April 21, Tuesday, April 23, and Wednesday, April 24, 2019.

#### Service Project Updates

We continue with donations of toilet paper to benefit the poor of Wake County in support of Catholic Parish Outreach. All contributions can be left before or after Religious Education classes in the lobby of the Education Building. Please be as generous as your means will allow. 5th Grade Collection: April  $28^{th}$ ,  $30^{th}$  & May  $1^{st}$ 

All Religious Education Programs End - Sunday, May 5, Tuesday, May 7, and Wednesday, May 8, 2019.

#### First Eucharist Rehearsals

Thursday 5/9/19 for 5/11 & 5/12/19 Liturgies Thursday 5/16/19 for 5/18 & 5/19/19 Liturgies

## **High School**

If you have a teen in year 2 of preparation/receiving the sacrament of Confirmation on May 15th, 2019 and have not created the online account for the electronic confirmation paperwork, please email Vicki at <a href="mailto:stmm.confirmation@kristoffs.com">stmm.confirmation@kristoffs.com</a>

St. Mary Magdalene's 2018 Confirmation liturgy will be held on Wednesday, May 15th in the church at 6:30pm.

If you have a teen who is currently in 8th/9th/10th/11th grade who will be entering either year 1 or year 2 of Confirmation preparation at STMM in the 2019-2020 school year, please be aware that it is required by our parish that you attend a Parent Confirmation Workshop. We offer 3 of them every year and it is required that 1 parent attend 1 of the 3 sessions offered. To see the complete list of Diocesan Guidelines for receiving the sacrament of Confirmation, please go to this link: <a href="http://www.stmm.church/religious-ed/way.cfm">http://www.stmm.church/religious-ed/way.cfm</a>

The LAST Date for the 2019 Parent Confirmation Workshops is as follows: May 2nd. All the workshops will be held at 7:30pm in Room #3 of the church

# **Dynamic Catholic**



Dynamic Catholic Corner: Dynamic Catholic's mission is to reenergize the Catholic Church in America by developing world-

class resources that inspire people to rediscover the genius of Catholicism. Visit the Dynamic Catholic table after Mass this weekend to pick-up free resources and talk with StMM's Parish Champion, Ryan Evenson to learn more. If you already are a Dynamic Catholic Ambassador stop by the table and let us know or send an email to <a href="mailto:stmm.dynamic.catholic@gmail.com">stmm.dynamic.catholic@gmail.com</a>. Be Bold. Be Catholic.

# "Prayers & Squares"



"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 <a href="mailto:lcmorris0707@gmail.com">lcmorris0707@gmail.com</a>

# **Divine Mercy Sunday**

The Sunday after Easter is Divine Mercy Sunday! Come to the Chapel on Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup> at 3pm and celebrate God's greatest attribute - His Divine Mercy. Jesus



said to St. Faustina "On that day, the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy."

# Safe Environment Training



April is national Prevent Child Abuse month. Did you know the Diocese of Raleigh requires that all people who work with children and youth in our parishes and schools attend a training in how to recognize and report child abuse? Our next Safe Environment Training is Thurs, 5/23 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 for meeting room.

# **Spring Festival**



Friday, May 3, 3:00-7:00 pm Come join the fun on the Athletic Fields! Lots of Spring Festival, inflatables, games, and more for children of all ages! Concessions available for purchase from the Knights of Columbus and school clubs. Admission \$10 per child in

advance, \$12 at the door. Contact Anne Burge at <u>anneburge143@gmail.com</u> for more information or to purchase a wristband.

### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament/Eucharistic Adoration-StMM has Adoration available every Friday in the Chapel after daily Mass. On the First Friday of each month Adoration begins after daily Mass and ends at 7pm. Join us on May 3rd. This requires that we have many people committed to praying in front of the Blessed Sacrament throughout the day. We always need more people for

this ministry! Please consider committing 1 hour each month. Take advantage of these opportunities to spend time with the Lord. If you would like to participate contact Anita Becker at 919-642-0441 or AlAnitaBecker@aol.com

Children's Adoration: We meet the first Friday of each month from 230-3pm at the St MM chapel for a small children's adoration. Children will be able to do a group rosary and learn to spend some quiet time in prayer with Jesus. Our next meeting will be Friday March 1st. No one is too young; all ages welcome! Please contact Megan Brinkley with any questions m.brinkley@hotmail.com

# Power and Purpose Conference

<u>Power and Purpose Conference</u> - all StMM adult parishioners are invited to register for this incredible Steubenville adult conference held at Franciscan University June 7-9.. This year, we are organizing a large StMM group to attend. Father Dave Pivonka, Mary Bielski, and Chris Padgett are of the dynamic speakers you will hear. Read at <a href="https://steubenvilleconferences.com/events/ppc/">https://steubenvilleconferences.com/events/ppc/</a>. Please register with the StMM group using this link: <a href="http://bit.ly/Laura-Werner-PPC19">http://bit.ly/Laura-Werner-PPC19</a>. Contact Laura Werner at <a href="werner-Lhome@gmail.com">werner-Lhome@gmail.com</a> with questions and to learn about transportation options.

## Men's Rosary Group



"The Rosary is a prayer that always accompanies me; it is also the prayer of the ordinary people and the saints... it is a prayer from my heart." - Pope Francis. Join the men of our parish praying the Rosary every Thursday at 7pm in the Chapel.

No experience necessary! Rosaries and prayer cards provided by StMM Knights of Columbus. For more information contact Joe Sebik, joeysebik@gmail.com.

## **Catholic Senior Organization**



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, April 15, 9:30 - 11:00am, in Church meeting room #1. For more information, please contact Miriam Moore, <a href="miriamdel79@yahoo.com">miriamdel79@yahoo.com</a>, 919-387-8676 or Fran Hughes, <a href="miriamdel79@yahoo.com">gmomfran@gmail.com</a>.

#### **Mattress Sale**

Mattress Sale- At St. Mary Magdalene on April 13th and 14th. Discounted Name Brands with a portion of the proceeds going to causes supported by the Knights of Columbus.

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