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St. Mary Magdalene E-News April 19, 2019

A Note From Father Donald Staib

Happy Easter to all - this is our 2nd Easter in our new church. I am so grateful we are here, especially for our Holy week ceremonies this past week.

We welcome into our parish community those who were received into our parish community either through the Sacraments of Baptism or Confirmation during the Easter Vigil: Emma Canina, Christopher Pearce, Brandon Green, Janie Annunziata, Kevin Johnson, Jennifer Potter, Mary Tilley, Zachery Andersen. We are grateful for the new life they bring by being part of our parish.

I am also most grateful to all those who gave of their talents and time for the Holy Week ceremonies and for those who prepared the church. And for those who help in our RCIA program all during the year. There are many names and all of them give of their talents and time for these tasks. May they be filled with Easter blessings for their generous service. I am also grateful to our Parish staff for providing Communion Services for next Tuesday and Wednesday.

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

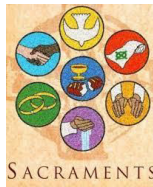
CONFESSIONS: At St Mary Magdalene there will not be Confessions on Holy Saturday. There will be Confessions on Saturday April 27 at 10:30, after Baptisms.

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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.

SECOND REFLECTION

One of Luke's favorite motifs is the arrival of the divine in the midst of the everyday. Angels sing to shepherds tending their flocks, a miraculous catch turns fishermen into apostles, and a tax collector meets Jesus at his customs post. A messenger is always necessary to bring transformation out of a moment of wonder. We must be that voice, showing all that Jesus Christ is still alive and at work among us. - Father Michael Simone, SJ

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.

Pictures of the Week



Holy Thursday - washing of feet



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 5th from 12:00 - 1:00 pm in the Media Center in the School

Building.

First Eucharist Retreat 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.

Holy Week & Easter Holiday Schedule - 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 28th, 30th & May 1st

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 stmm.confirmation@kristofffs.com

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: <http://www.stmm.church/religious-ed/way.cfm>

*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*

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"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 lcmmorris0707@gmail.com

Divine Mercy Sunday



The Sunday after Easter is Divine Mercy Sunday!

Come to the Chapel at 3:00pm on April 28th to celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday. Everyone is invited and welcomed to attend. Bring your friends and family, children are always welcomed. Plan to arrive a few minutes early, we will begin promptly at 3pm.

Safe Environment Training



Our diocese has a code of conduct that adults must follow to create safe environments and protect children. Reading and following the code helps create a culture of protection and keeps our children safer. Access the Code of

Conduct at <https://dioceseofraleigh.org/sites/default/files/2018-12/code-of-conduct.pdf>. 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 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 anneburge143@gmail.com 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

Power and Purpose Conference - 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 just a few of the dynamic speakers you will hear. Read more about it at <https://steubenvilleconferences.com/events/ppc/>. Please register with the StMM group using this link: <http://bit.ly/Laura-Werner-PPC19>. Contact Laura Werner at wernerLhome@gmail.com 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, joeyselik@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, May 20, 9:30 - 11:00am, in Church meeting room #1. For more information, please contact Miriam Moore, miriamdel79@yahoo.com, 919-387-8676 or Fran Hughes, gmomfran@gmail.com.

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