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## St. Mary Magdalene E-News April 5, 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.

On Fridays during Lent there will be Stations of the Cross in church at 7 pm. I am grateful that a group of people have come forth to lead the Stations.

Our Holy Week schedule is: Holy Thursday at 7 pm. Good Friday at 3 pm. Holy Saturday at 8 pm. There is no 5pm 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.

Regarding the Bishop's Annual Appeal - so far we have 718 donors who have given \$226,797. I received a thank-you letter from Bishop Luis Zarama this past week to thank our parish for reaching our goal. So far we have about 40% parish participation. Gift/Pledge forms are in the pew racks.

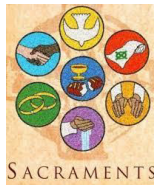
**CONFESSIONS:** In another part of the bulletin there is a schedule for Confessions at nearby parishes during Lent. At St Mary Magdalene there will be Confessions on Saturday April 6 and April 13 at 10:30, after Baptisms. There will not be Confessions on Holy Saturday.

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

The power of helplessness. Isn't it only when we admit our helplessness that God finally enters our lives?

"Why is this necessary"? The answer to that question lies at the heart of all wisdom, all Christian revelation, all depth, all maturity. But it is an answer that we will not find in books, nor in Socratic reflection. We will find it precisely when we ponder in the biblical sense, namely, when we stand helpless, muted, and frustrated, but listening, before a pain, an illness, or an injustice that so overwhelms us that we are unable to rely on any power save that of God.

What is taught us there holds the key to everything. - Father Ron Rolheiser, OMI

## 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.

## Lenten Penance Services

Monday, April 8 (11 AM)

St. Michael the Archangel

Wednesday, April 10 (7 PM)

St. Michael the Archangel

Thursday, April 11 (7 PM)

St. Bernadette, Fuquay Varina

## Pictures of the Week



Duke Life Flight - a visit to our school students





Garden for children - a work in progress



Parish Athletics soccer games

## Parish Religious Education Program

**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.

**Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowls** Contributions are due back **THIS WEEK** in the form of a check made payable to STMM. Please write "CRS '19" on the memo line.

**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 28<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup> & May 1<sup>st</sup>

**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](mailto: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 dates for the 2019 Parent Confirmation Workshops are as follows:  
April 11th, & May 2nd. All the workshops will be held at 7:30pm in Room #3 of the church*



Save the Date for our ASP Parish BBQ and WORSHIP & WITNESS coming up on Saturday, April 6! Parish BBQ after 5pm Mass and a worship night from 7:30pm-9pm! Ticket sales for the BBQ will be after all Masses on March 30/31. Worship night is free! This event's proceeds go to StMM ASP mission trip. Questions, please contact Taylor Wray at [stmmaspg@gmail.com](mailto:stmmaspg@gmail.com)

## Dynamic Catholic



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Dynamic Catholic Corner: *Dynamic Catholic's mission is to re-energize 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 [stmm.dynamic.catholic@gmail.com](mailto:stmm.dynamic.catholic@gmail.com). 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 [lcmorrris0707@gmail.com](mailto:lcmorrris0707@gmail.com)

## Divine Mercy Sunday





All are welcomed to attend A Divine Mercy celebration **Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup> @ 3pm in the Chapel.** Our Lord promises extraordinary graces on the Feast of Divine Mercy.

## Commemorative Bricks



**COMMEMORATIVE BRICKS** - Commemorative bricks line the walkway to our Activities Building. St. Mary Magdalene Church will be placing a brick order **THIS MONTH.** Engraved bricks are \$100. Our deadline is **April 12<sup>th</sup>.** Order forms are in the church office or at <http://www.stmm.church/giving/>. Commemorate a First Communion or a Graduation with an engraved brick.

## 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 April 5<sup>th</sup>. 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](mailto: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 1<sup>st</sup>. No one is too young; all ages welcome! Please contact Megan Brinkley with any questions [m.brinkley@hotmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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, April 15, 9:30 - 11:00am, 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).

## KofC Fish Fry



**KofC Annual Lent Fish Fry...** - Fri, April 5th in the Dining Hall from 5:30-7:45pm. (Eat in or Take Out). Pre-order online at [www.lentfishfry.com](http://www.lentfishfry.com). We use top quality cod and shrimp, prepared fried or baked. Fried fish is freshly breaded just prior to cooking which delivers to you a perfect golden brown crispy filet.

We serve our meals with your choice of seasoned french fries, parsley potatoes, or macaroni and cheese along with cole slaw, corn bread and dessert. Come out and enjoy a great meal with friends and family while supporting many worthy community causes championed by the Knights of Columbus.

## 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.

## KofC Crawfish Boil

**Last Chance to Enjoy authentic Louisiana Boiled Crawfish!...** - Fri, April 12th in the St. Mary Magdalene Dining Hall during two take-out sessions: 5:30 and 7:00. \$18 per order and \$3 kids meals (grilled cheese). Order by **April 8th**. Order online at [www.KofCCrawfishBoil.com](http://www.KofCCrawfishBoil.com). The Knights of Columbus Council 7186 is pleased to sponsor this event with all proceeds going to organizations in the area that support people with intellectual disabilities.

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