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St. Mary Magdalene E-News August 17, 2018

A Note From Father Donald Staib

A few months back around the time of First Communion the announcement was made that our long time Director of Faith Formation, Celeste Usischon, will retire at the end of this year. Today I am happy to announce that Suzanne Will will take on Celeste's ministry; she is already on hand and will work with Celeste until the end of the year.

On the back page of the bulletin and in our e-news is a short biography of Suzanne. We welcome her to our parish staff in this role. Caring for and providing faith formation for our children is one of our highest priorities.

Also this coming week we welcome staff and children of St Mary Magdalene School to begin our 19th year. May all of us prosper in growing in faith and knowledge. For me - it is always a delight to have the children in the building. It makes for a lively place. There will be a back-to-school Mass this Sunday at 4 pm. All are welcome to attend.

Thank you for your generosity to the Diocesan Priests Retirement Fund last weekend. We received \$8,668.

CONFESSIONS: On Saturday August 18 there will be Confessions at 10:30, after Baptisms. There will not be Confessions on Saturday August 25

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 St. Mary Magdalene E-News

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

SAINT MAXIMILIAN KOLBE

St. Maximilian Kolbe's feast day was this past week, August 14. He was a Franciscan friar who promoted devotion to Mary under the title 'Immaculata.' In February 1941 he was arrested by the Gestapo and sent to Auschwitz where he covertly continued his priestly ministry: praying, consoling, hearing confessions.

When a young father cried out in an agony as he was sentenced to the starvation bunker, Maximilian offered to take his place. He died ten days later.

Auschwitz survivor Jerzy Bielecki called Maximilian's self-offering 'a shock filled with hope, bringing new life and strength. It was like a powerful shaft of light in the darkness of the camp.' Pope John Paul II canonized Maximilian as a 'martyr of charity' in 1982.

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

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Picture of the Week



Hello STMM. I am happy to be returning to St. Mary Magdalene to work as the Coordinator of Elementary Religious Education currently shadowing Celeste Usischon who is retiring at the end of 2018. I have worked as a Catechist in Faith Formation since 2001. I first came to North Carolina in 2005 from the Hudson Valley in New York. I began working in the Diocese of Raleigh at St. Michael's in Cary until 2009 when I came to St. Mary Magdalene to work in our Youth Ministry Programs with Liz Sams. I have been a parishioner for the last ten years. My husband Ted and I have two adult children. We are presently living in Pittsboro. I am pursuing an on-line certification in theology at the University of Dayton. I have a heart for ministry am excited to begin anew as we partner together for our parish children.

Youth Ministry Registration

Registration for the 2018-2019 school year/Confirmation 2019 went LIVE on July 1st at
<http://www.stmm.church/religious-ed/highschool.cfm>

EDGE is for rising 6th-8th graders & meets from 4:30pm-5:45pm on Sundays

The Way is for rising 9th-12th graders not yet confirmed & meets from 7:15pm-8:30pm on Sundays

Apostello is for rising 11th & 12th graders already confirmed & meets from 4:30pm-5:45pm on
Sundays

DAWG's

DAWG's: OPEN TO RISING 9th GRADERS OVER THE SUMMER!! Led by Danny Fitzpatrick & a team of college guys, **DAWG's** is for guys in HS who desire healthy brotherhood in their lives. You don't have to be a member of StMM YM to attend. Here you can be yourself, talk about the tough topics, share the ups and downs of your HS lives and of course just have some fun! **DAWG's** is scheduled to meet: 6pm-8:30pm.(come for all or some) For more info please contact Danny Fitzpatrick at: dpfitzpa@gmail.com with questions. Summer Dates: 8/22 in the Youth Room at StMM

Follow **DAWG's** on instagram: [dawgs.stmm](https://www.instagram.com/dawgs.stmm)

E-Circle

E Circle IS OPEN TO RISING 9TH GRADERS OVER THE SUMMER!! E CIRCLE is a ministry open to all HS girls who desire healthy sisterhood in their lives. You don't have to be a member of StMM YM to attend. E Circle is a place for HS women where you can be yourself and talk about tough topics, share joys & concerns, & have some fun during these crazy busy HS years.

Follow E Circle on social media for more updates! Insta: stmm_ecircle Twitter: STMM E-Circle. Snap: e-circle E Circle is led by Leah Beavers & Claire Fitzpatrick.

Extraordinary Ministers Training



Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist in the Sacred Liturgy Training is set for Thursday, August 30th at 10:30a-12p OR 7p-8:30p in Church Room 4. Please use entrance behind the Jonah statue. You need to attend only one session. RSVP is needed by Tuesday, August 28th to Celeste at usischon@stmm.net. Come if you need a brush up or new to the ministry.

Safe Environment Training



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 sessions are Mon, 9/10 at 6:30pm; Thurs, 9/13 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.

Men's Bible Study

The Men's Bible Study, consisting of men from St. Andrews & St. Mary Magdalene, is starting a Catholic Scripture Study (www.cssprogram.net) on Joshua, Judges, & Ruth. The group meets Sunday evenings from 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM in Room #4 of the church. The first lesson is on Sunday September 9th. All men are welcome. The deadline for signup is September 2nd and the cost of materials is estimated to be about \$40. If you are interested, please contact Mike Barnack at 919-363-1948 or stm4@nc.rr.com.

Eucharistic Adoration



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. 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. On all of the other Fridays throughout the year we have 1 hour of Adoration after the 8:15am daily Mass. 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.

Daytime Bible Study



StMM Daytime Bible Study Group Fall Study We will be using the Word On Fire: Pivotal Players with Bishop Robert Barron. Discover the figures who shaped the church and changed the world. Tuesdays from 1-3pm Dates: Sept. 11- Nov. 6 and Jan. 8--Feb. 5 in Church meeting room #4. Let me know if you would like to join us. Contact: Laurie Wendt, lauriewendt@gmail.com or 919-669-9455.

Commemorative Brick Order



COMMEMORATIVE BRICKS - Commemorative bricks line our brick walkway entrance to the Activities Building and are a wonderful way to honor a loved one - living or deceased. Cost \$100. Order forms can be found in the school and church office or on <http://www.stmm.church/giving/commemorativebricks.cfm>. Return your completed form with your check to the church office or drop it in the collection basket. **Deadline for the next order is September 14.**

StMM Book Club



StMM BOOK CLUB - For fellowship and sharing, please join us in reading Catholic literature and spiritually meaningful novels. Our first meeting is Wednesday, September 5 from 12:30-2:30 in Room #1 of our church. Brownbag snacks and lunches encouraged! Facilitated by Dee Towle (deetowle@gmail.com, 919-267-6370) and Ronda Watts (rondatroywatts@gmail.com, 919-218-2504). Hope to see you soon!

Parish Athletics

Fall Apex-Cary Soccer *Grades:* Coed, Pre-K (3 year-olds) to 8th; *Dates:* August-October; *Practice Locations:* Apex or Cary, you pick; *Game Locations:* Apex & Cary; *Cost:* Pre-K - \$65; K-8th Grade - \$70; includes medal, shirt, and picnic; *Note:* Pre-k players have a combined practice/game on Saturdays. K-8th graders have one weekday practice per week and weekend games.

Fall T-ball & Machine-pitch (Apex-Cary) *Grades:* Coed. Pre-K (4 year-olds) to 4th; *Dates:* September - October. *Cost:* \$65 (includes medal, shirt, hat, and picnic); *Practice Locations:* Apex & Cary. *Game Locations:* Most games in Apex, but some could be in Cary; *Note:* Pre-k players have a combined practice/game on Saturdays. K-4th grade have one weekday practice per weekend games on Saturdays; Format: Pre-k & Kindergarteners play T-ball and 1st to 4th graders play Machine-pitch.

Fall Flag Football (Apex-Cary) *Grades:* Coed; Pre-K (4 year-olds) to 5th; *Dates:* September - November. *Practice Location:* Cary & Apex; *Game Location:* Apex; *Cost:* Pre-k, \$55; K-5th Grade, \$60 (includes medal, shirt, and picnic); Format: Pre-K will have practices/games on Saturdays; K-5th grades will have one weekday practice and games on Friday nights.

Register at <https://parishathleticsnc.org>

Statement from Bishop Zarama

Statement of Bishop Luis Rafael Zarama

As Bishop of the Diocese of Raleigh and a member of the Ecclesiastical Province of Atlanta which consists of the dioceses of Charleston, SC; Savannah, GA; Charlotte and Raleigh, NC, I share with you the following statement of our Metropolitan Bishop, Archbishop Wilton D. Gregory.

I join with my fellow bishops in praying that our Church and our leadership will be renewed and transformed by the light of Christ and have the courage to take the necessary next steps.

Archbishop Wilton D. Gregory's statement in response to the resignation of Theodore McCarrick

ATLANTA- "As shepherd of the Catholic Church in Atlanta and united with my brother bishops under Pope Francis in service to Jesus Christ and His Church, I express my profound anger, sadness, and distress concerning sexual abuse by Church leaders of children, young people and those over whom they exercised authority. My anger and disappointment, shared by Catholics and others, are only heightened by the reality that leaders who have engaged in or neglected to protect others from such damaging and deviant behavior have for many years failed to be held accountable-and have even risen in leadership positions. We must do better - for the sake of all victims and survivors of sexual abuse, and for the sake of everyone whom we serve in the name of Jesus Christ.

"Catholics everywhere, myself among them, are stunned and justifiably angry at shameful, unrelenting recent revelations of bishops accused of abuse or mishandling allegations of abuse - behavior that offends and scandalizes the people of God entrusted to our care. Specifically, we are enraged by the actions of Theodore McCarrick, the disgraced former Cardinal. We also recognize that any pastoral negligence in protecting our people is similarly grievous, and we've recently seen alarming reports alleging such rampant reckless disregard in Chile, Australia, Honduras, Guam, and other places around the globe.

"We are weary of this cloud of shame that continues to shroud Church leadership and compromise our mission. I am personally disheartened because in 2002 I stood before the body of bishops and the people of God as President of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops and made assurances in my own name and that of the Church in the United States that this crisis of faith and leadership was over and would not be repeated. I sincerely believed that the unprecedented steps we took at that time would help to heal this wound in the Body of Christ. And so they have, though obviously not completely or even sufficiently.

"I am saddened because once again our many good and generous ordained ministers of the Gospel are seen as suspect not because they have done anything wrong - indeed, our charter and norms forcefully apply when allegations are made against them - but because those charged with assuring the faithful of their fitness for ministry have. People everywhere are disillusioned because the Church's bishops are seen as failing in our responsibility to govern, to sanctify, and to teach, as Christ would have us.

"I am hurt because my respect and fraternal esteem for Theodore McCarrick were clearly misplaced. I never personally worked with him in any pastoral context, having only encountered him as a fellow member of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, but his public devotion to the Church's social justice agenda was highly regarded. I never knew or suspected the hidden side of a man whose admired public persona concealed that of a violator of foundational Christian morality and of young people who trusted him. Like any individual who discovers far too late that a friend has a history of moral misconduct, I now stand dumbfounded that I was so unaware and naïve. I know that many other bishops feel the same.

"People are angry, as well they should be, that our Church is once again viewed as a haven for criminal deviant behavior. I know our priests are hurt that they are again being judged with a jaundiced eye, as

perhaps too dangerous to be trusted with the Church's children. Our people are disappointed with bishops in general who seemingly cannot or will not act decisively to heal this festering wound. They are perplexed and sickened that the Holy See may well have dismissed multiple warning signs that should have halted Theodore McCarrick and others earlier in their careers. They are disheartened that situations both here in the United States and in other countries continue to dominate social media and call into question everything the Church has done to safeguard children and adults from manipulation and violation.

"Several days ago I met with our Archdiocesan seminarians during their annual convocation. I told them directly and specifically that if any person in any context made advances or exhibited behavior that made them feel uncomfortable or threatened, they are to notify the Director of Vocations, one of the Auxiliary Bishops or me personally so that we may take swift and appropriate action - pastoral and legal. Their parents and family members should know that these young men are in safe and respectful environments, and that, as their Archbishop, I will not tolerate any activity that threatens to harm or intimidate them.

"While the current leadership of the USCCB considers next steps, I strongly encourage that they engage the laity in reviewing and recommending courses of action that will assure the faithful that we are serious in curing this blight from our Church and from episcopal governance once and for all.

"When we first established a national lay review board in 2002, conference leadership faced pushback because some felt that we were improperly ceding control of the ministry of bishops. Given the situation we face today, oversight by laity may well provide the only credible assurance that real and decisive actions are being taken. Our trustworthiness as bishops has been so seriously compromised that acting alone - even with the best of intentions and the highest principles, policies and plans - may not move the hearts of the faithful to believe.

"I pray that this moment, and these days, weeks, and months ahead, will be an opportunity for light to break through the darkness, and for darkness to be exposed to the light. I pray that all victims and survivors of sexual abuse will come forward and receive the help, support, and healing they need. And I pray that our Church and our leadership will be renewed and transformed by the light of Christ and have the courage to take the necessary next steps.

"Like so many of you I am angry, but I am not overcome by despair. I hope and I pray that the Holy Spirit will cleanse and strengthen the Church. My anger has not led me to hopelessness; I pray yours has not either. I am grateful for your witness of faith and hope, even in difficult times."

'Knight's Corner'



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