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## St. Mary Magdalene E-News December 7, 2018

### A Note From Father Donald Staib

On the octagon tables in the lobby this week are self-nomination forms for members of the parish to serve on our Parish Council. The Parish Council is most helpful to me in guiding our parish and its programs. These forms are orange color; they can also be downloaded [here](#). They need to be returned before the weekend Masses of December 22-23.

This weekend there will be a 2<sup>nd</sup> collection for the Retired Religious, Sisters and Brothers, of the USA.

**CONFESSIONS:** There will be Confessions on Saturday December 8 and 15 and 22 at 10:30. The list of the Advent Penance Services is in our bulletin this week.

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If the road conditions are hazardous on Monday, Daily Mass will be cancelled. We will update the church website at [www.stmm.church](http://www.stmm.church).

## 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

In the Gospel we hear of John the Baptist drawing close to God in the desert. In the first two readings both the apostle Paul and the prophet Baruch are undergoing their own desert experiences. Paul is writing to the Christian community at Philippi from a prison. Baruch preachers a word of hope to the people of Israel in exile in Babylon.

While difficult, desert experiences often serve to sharpen our faith and put our lives into focus. What is the desert in your life right now? How might God be speaking to you in the desert?

## Financial Matters

**Stock Donations Before Year's End?** If you are considering a tax deductible stock donation before the end of 2018 the process is easy. Go to <http://dioceseofraleigh.org/give> and download the stock donation form. A contact person is listed on the form should you have questions. All stock donations are processed through the Diocese of Raleigh and proceeds are forwarded to the parish.

**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)

## Advent Penance Services

**Saint Francis**, Raleigh, Wednesday, December 12 at 11am

**Saint Raphael**, Monday Dec 17 at 7pm

**Saint Raphael**, Tuesday Dec 18 at 11am

**Saint Michael**, Cary, Wednesday Dec 19 at 7pm

**Saint Bernadette**, Fuquay-Varina, Thursday, Dec 20 at 11am

## Photos of the Week



The wedding of Farrell Bishop and Will Martin on Saturday, December 1st.





Advent Mission on Sunday, December 2nd

## Youth Ministry Haiti Service Project

StMM Youth Ministry programs are teaming up to build a house in Jeremie, Haiti through the group, Haiti Mission Inc. You can learn more about this organization on their website at <http://www.haitimissioninc.com/> We are challenging every teen who is registered in either the EDGE, The Way, and Apostello to donate \$7.25 between now and April 1st. This would give us the \$3,750 to partner with HMI and provide a safe new home for a family in Haiti. In April 2018 Janine and Liz went on a mission trip to Haiti and saw firsthand the incredibly life changing work HMI is doing in the Jeremie area and felt a strong call to connect our StMM YM teens & families with HMI. Our youth can have a profound impact on the life of a family living in complete despair and allow them to have a safe place to sleep, gather, eat, live....something all of us take for granted. Anybody can donate to this cause and if we raise more than the \$3,750 minimum, we'll build two houses! Our vision is for our community to accompany the people of Jeremie and join HMI in their mission of moving people from despair into poverty. Thank you for your support! To donate, click [HERE](#).

## Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion Training



**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion in the Sacred Liturgy Training** date is set for Sunday, December 9th from 2p-4p in Church Room 4. Use the entrance behind the statue of Jonah on the piazza. Contact Lisa at [lisa.westberg@duke-energy.com](mailto:lisa.westberg@duke-energy.com) by Friday, December 7, if attending.

## Landscaping Committee - Cleanup Rescheduled



Due to the weather forecast for the weekend, the StMM Landscaping Committee has rescheduled the Clean Up for next weekend. We will meet on **Saturday, December 15th, at 10am**. We need volunteers to pick up trash/debris & spread mulch/pine straw; bring yourself, family, and friends; if you have, bring rake, shovel, and wheelbarrow; email us at [Landscaping@stmm.net](mailto:Landscaping@stmm.net) if you are planning on joining us!

## Help Recycle Old Missals





Please help us recycle last year's missals by taking a few home. The missals are on tables in the narthex. Thank you!

## Angel Tree



The **Angel Tree** is in the lobby filled with ornaments for needy children and families from several Wake County non-profit organizations. Please attach the ornament to the gift/food/contribution to help us track all donations. Feel free to wrap or bag gifts for the children (star tags). No other gifts should be wrapped. **All contributions should be placed under the tree no later than 10:45am on Dec. 16th.**

## Pajama and Shoe Drive

The **StMM first grades** are sponsoring a **pajama drive** in conjunction with Scholastic books. For every pair of pajamas that is donated through the Great Bedtime Story Pajama Drive, Scholastic Book Clubs will donate a brand-new book to Pajama Program to give kids affected by instability a good night - for a good day! Please consider donating a new pair of pajamas from size newborn to adult. There will be collection bins in the school lobby from Dec 3 - 12. Thank you for making a child's Christmas brighter!

The **StMM second grade** is hosting a **shoe drive** from Dec 3 - 12. During this season of giving, we are asking you to please donate new or gently used shoes to those in need. Boxes will be located in the school lobby for you to deposit your shoe donations. Please tie laces of shoes/sneakers together before bringing them to school. For shoes/sneakers without laces, kindly place them in a plastic bag. The shoe donations are given to Brown Bag Ministry who distributes them to those in need. These essential items of living will be greatly appreciated, especially with the cold weather.

## Choir Concert



Mark your calendars! To get everyone in the Christmas mood, the choir will be hosting a carol concert and will perform some traditional Christmas music on Saturday, Dec 8<sup>th</sup> from 6:15 - 7:15, following the 5:00pm mass. All are invited to attend, sing a few carols and listen to the choir in the amazing setting of our new Church. Hope you can make it!

## Children's Liturgy of the Word



We are celebrating Advent at **Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW)**. Please be sure you have registered your child(ren) to participate. To register, please send an email to our ministry at [stmmclow@gmail.com](mailto:stmmclow@gmail.com), as all parents will need to use the online sign-up to **serve as parent assistant or C-Level leader** throughout the year. This co-op ministry is geared for children ages 3 years to first grade, guiding them through a portion of the Mass in a prayerful, kid-centered way. Thank you for helping to make this ministry flourish!

## Health Promotions Committee



"Are you worried about someone in your life?" Join us for an informational seminar featuring Sister Anne Heath, Counseling Specialist from Catholic Charities on Sunday, December 9th at 10am in Room #1, immediately following mass. For more information contact [dana\\_conte@yahoo.com](mailto:dana_conte@yahoo.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. Join us on Dec 7th and Jan 4th. 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).

## 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, Dec 17, 9:30 - 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).

## StMM Preschool



This week in PreK3 we are thanking God for our 5 senses. Everyone at StMM knows that Wednesday is Pizza Day! So we kneaded dough in our sensory bin, constructed our own paper pizzas during Centers and tasted a slice of pizza pie at snack time.

## 'Knight's Corner'



### *Calling all Catholic Men to the Knights of Columbus*

"A Catholic Fraternal Service Organization"

Your Knights at StMM Council 7186 have been active in: Hurricane Florence relief, CPO Food Drive, Coats for Kids, Building the Domestic Church, StMM Parish Projects, Visiting Seniors, Serving meals at Men's Homeless Shelter. ***Are You Being Called? Please join us to help those in need.***

### ***Did You Know Your StMM KofC Council 7186:***

- Setup StMM Christmas Nativity and hosted refreshments
- Moved Deacon John's books and book cases to StMM (donated by Jola Hubisz)
- Donated (36) winter coats for children to CPO last week as a result of our work and your support.
- Provided truck and Knights for CPO Food drive that collected nearly 3,000 lbs. of food and \$1,800.
- Distributed over \$30,000 in Hurricane Florence food and supplies and \$20,000 in gift cards donated by Knights of Columbus headquarters. Our local StMM council 'man power' distributed those supplies and money to Lumberton, Fayetteville, Wallace, New Bern, Wilmington and Jacksonville.
- Monthly we visit seniors in assisted living center and serve meals at Men's Homeless Shelter.

### ***For more information to becoming a Knight:***

Visit our website: <http://kofc7186.org>

Please Contact: Grand Knight (Tom Blum) at [gkkofc7186@gmail.com](mailto:gkkofc7186@gmail.com) or our Membership Committee at [MembershipKofC7186@gmail.com](mailto:MembershipKofC7186@gmail.com)

***Event Highlight:*** ***Christmas Cards are for sale*** (before and after all masses).

We also have some Christmas Ornaments for sale as well.

### **Calendar**

- **Sunday Dec 9<sup>th</sup>:** Sunday Breakfast (after 9am & 10:45 mass)- **"KIDS EAT FREE"** in celebration of St. Nicholas Day
- **Tuesday Dec 25<sup>th</sup>:** Serve meals at Men's Homeless Shelter (5:15pm-6:30pm)

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