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## St. Mary Magdalene E-News February 22, 2019

### A Note From Father Donald Staib

A warning: members of the parish are receiving spam emails from me asking you to purchase i Tune cards for charity. It is a scam. Another pastor told me his account has also been hacked. These people are very clever. Be assured: I will never ask anyone for money via email.

About our own Bishop's Annual Appeal: last week we received 51 additional pledges/gifts. Many, many thanks. We now have \$189,407 received from 585 members of the parish. That is 33% participation. Our parish goal is \$191,507. Any funds over the goal stay in the parish and we can use those funds for many good parish needs.

Another motive for giving: March 6 is Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent. In Lent we are encouraged to prayer, sacrifice, and alms-giving. Let the BAA be your Lent alms-giving.

**CONFESSIONS:** There are Confessions Saturday February 23 at 10:30, after Baptisms - and on Saturday March 2 at 10:30, after Baptisms. A schedule of Lent Penance Services at various parishes will be published soon. Our own parish Penance Service [which we share with St Andrew] will be Thursday March 14 at 7 pm.

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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

We all need companions all the time. In infancy and childhood, from puberty to adulthood, in our career paths and life choices, in sickness unto our deathbed--we all need to be accompanied. Life would be impossible if we went through it alone.

The Church has been severely hurt and wounded by the sins of her priests against the youth and against the Church. Despite the limitations of us their elders in the Church, we have not been lacking in heroic young leaders in our parishes and schools who serve without pay or recognition. We their spiritual shepherds are humbled by the sterling enthusiastic love of our youth. To the parents, teachers and priests: The young Jesus is among the young. Let the young teach us as we teach them. Let the young show us the face of Jesus as we keep on trying to love them like Jesus.

To the young: Show us Jesus and be our guide to see Him more clearly, to love Him more dearly, to follow Him more nearly.

Socrates Villegas, Archbishop of Linghayen-Dagupan, Philippines

## Financial Matters

**Tax statements** are available online Please follow the directions for printing your statement on our website. [www.stmm.church/Tax\\_statement\\_instructions\\_2018.pdf](http://www.stmm.church/Tax_statement_instructions_2018.pdf). If you have any questions, contact [prewitt@stmm.net](mailto:prewitt@stmm.net), 919-657-4800 x7281.

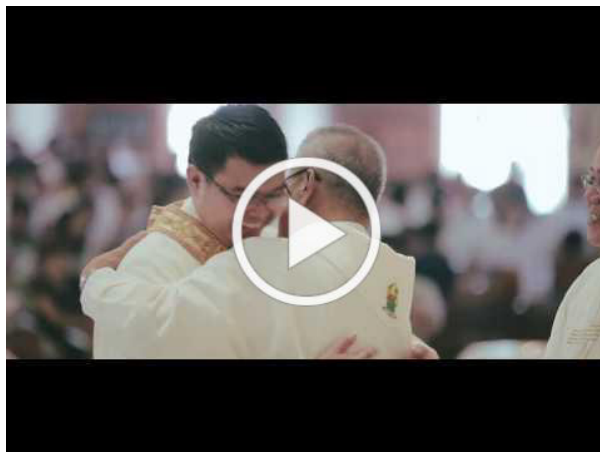
**OUR NEW CHURCH** - We have the obligation to make large monthly payments for 14 years for the construction of the church. In addition we are challenged to respond to new parish endeavors in all our parish programs. We are grateful to those who help us in the weekly Offertory for regular expenses and in the monthly white envelope for debt payments for the church.

## **DONATE NOW TO OUR NEW CHURCH**

(Click on the above link to Donate)

## Vocation Video

Father Phil Tighe, Diocese of Raleigh Director of Vocations, recently sent to priests the video posted below. I encourage you to watch it. It is taken from a sermon at an Ordination by Archbishop Socrates Villegas, Archbishop of Linghayen-Dagupan, Philippines. I will include some of his ideas in my sermon this weekend.



It is the Lord

## Parish Religious Education Program

Catechist Needed for Sundays 12:00 - 1:15 pm in Grade 5 to assist experienced Catechist. Meet great people in the parish. Get involved. We are successful because of our dedicated, enthusiastic volunteers like you! Program runs through May 5<sup>th</sup>.

**First Eucharist Parent Meetings** are set for Monday, March 11, 2019 at 10:30 am OR 7:00 pm in the Church Room #3. The same meeting is repeated on Tuesday, March 12, 2019 at 10:30 am OR 7:00 pm in the Church Room #3. Only one parent needs to attend one meeting. If you attended this sacrament meeting in 2017 or 2018 you do not need to attend. However, all parents please stop by the Parish Office to sign up for their liturgy choice and pick up all their materials the week of March 11th. You will be required to submit a guest number including your immediate family and first communicant at that time.

**First Eucharist Dates** are May 11th/12th & May 18th/19th at all weekend liturgies. Parents can sign up for their choice of liturgy at the **First Eucharist Parent Meeting** (see above for details)

**Ash Wednesday - March 6, 2019 - Wednesday Religious Education Students** should arrive at their regularly schedule time of 6:30 pm and will attend the 7:00 pm mass as a class with their Catechists. Parents are welcome to join us at church. Pick up will occur from the church.

## High School Confirmation

*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:  
March 13th, April 11th, & May 2nd. All the workshops will be held at 7:30pm in Room #3 of the church*

## Haiti Mission Fundraiser

**Haiti Mission Fundraiser** - <http://www.haitimissioninc.com/>. Funds are being raised to provide basic food resources to Haitian families. A \$35 donation will provide flour, sugar, beans, rice and \$20 Haitian currency to a single family. 100% of your donation goes directly to the family. If interested, please make checks payable to HMI and give to Liz Sams or Janine McGann by **March 15th**.

**Haiti Mission - Clothing and Household Goods Drive** - We are collecting new or gently used items for distribution in Haiti.

- Clothes, shoes and hats
- Carry bags - reusable grocery bags, back packs, purses
- Stackable plastic storage containers
- Durable, plastic plates, bowls, cups and kitchen utensils
- Tennis balls, soccer balls (deflated)
- Nail polish, sunglasses
- Disposable razors or tooth brushes

A collection box is located in the church lobby. Please make all donations by **March 15th**.

## Worship and Witness



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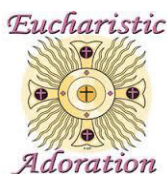
## Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament



**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 March 1st. 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



**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](mailto:m.brinkley@hotmail.com)

## 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 session is Thurs, 3/14 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](mailto:bsmith@stmm.net)) to register and for meeting room.

## Daytime Bible Study



**StMM Daytime Bible Study For March/April 2019** - Please consider joining us for a short study on the book of Ruth. Tuesdays 1-3 PM; March 12, 19, 26, April 2, 2019 Cost \$15. Let me know if you would like to join us. Contact: Laurie Wendt [lauriewendt@gmail.com](mailto:lauriewendt@gmail.com) or 919-303-5433

## 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, March 18, 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).

## Habitat for Humanity



The **StMM Habitat Ministry** is in search of volunteers to help "Rock the Block"! This we will help several families by repairing homes in Fuquay-Varina for homeowners who struggle to maintain their homes. We will join the Southwest Wake Coalition work on 10 home preservation projects over 2 weeks (Thursday - Saturday) Feb. 21-23 and Feb. 28 - March 2. Join us, put your faith in action and make an impact in your community. We need volunteers for both weekends. Volunteers must be 16 or older. If you are interested please contact Terry

Loding at [stmmhabitat@gmail.com](mailto:stmmhabitat@gmail.com) or 919-376-6714

## KofC Fish Fry



**KofC Annual Lent Fish Fry...** - Fri, March 8th, March 22nd, and 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.

## '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.***

**Event: Brookridge Assisted Living Resident Visits in Apex** -KofC council have decided to visit the residents of the Brookridge Assisted Living Facility in Apex on the **fourth Saturday of every month in 2019**. There will be two time slots available 10:30 am and 3:30 pm. Attached is the sign-up. Hope to see you there! there! <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0a4cacaf292-brookridge>

**Event: Save the Date for "KofC Annual Lent Fish Fry"** - Friday, March 8th, March 22nd, and April 5th in the Dining Hall from 5:30-7:45pm. (Eat in or Take Out).

***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)

### Calendar

- Saturday Feb 23rd: Painting Project at Catholic Parish Outreach (1:30pm - 5:30pm)
- Saturday Feb 23rd: KofC Free Throw Championship at StMM Gym (8am - 1:30pm)
- Saturday Feb 23rd: Brookridge Assisted Living Resident Visits in Apex (10:30am & 3:00pm), Sign-up <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0a4cacaf292-brookridge>
- Tuesday Feb 26th: Men's Homeless Shelter Meals, Signup at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d4ea4ab2a1-mens>
- Friday Mar 8th, Mar 22nd & Apr 5th: Annual Lent Fish Fry in Dining Hall (5:30pm-7:45pm)

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