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St. Mary Magdalene E-News February 8, 2019

A Note From Father Donald Staib

This week I have an up-to-date report on our Bishop's Annual Appeal. We have received 354 pledges amounting to \$110,043. Our parish goal is \$191,507 and we have about 1800 parish households. Thank you to all who have responded in the last two weeks, and we look forward to hearing from the other members of our parish.

Today we will continue our public request for funds. At the beginning of the sermon ushers will help to distribute forms that you can use to make a gift or a pledge. Place the form in the collection at Offertory time. Our process is the same as previous years. You have always been generous to the BAA which is so helpful to Catholic Charities and to the education of seminarians.

To make our parish goal we ask each household to give/pledge \$187.

CONFESSIONS: There will be Confessions on Saturday February 9 at 10:30, after Baptisms, and on Saturday February 16 at 10:30.

Father Donald Staib
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During the past week some of you contacted me about strange emails you appear to be receiving from me. Just delete them. My only email contact is donfs22@aol.com.

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. Baptisms are not encouraged during Lent which begins on March 6 this year. Baptisms are welcome at the Easter Sunday 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

There is no alternative: We either build the future together or there will not be a future. Religions, in particular, cannot renounce the urgent task of building bridges between peoples and cultures.

The time has come when religions should more actively exert themselves, with courage and audacity and without pretense, to help the human family deepen the capacity for reconciliation, the vision of hope, and the concrete paths of peace.

Pope Francis in Abu Dhabi on February 4 to representatives of Islam, Christianity, Judaism and other religions.

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. If you have any questions, contact 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)

StMM Principal Announcement

Saint Mary Magdalene Catholic School is pleased to announce that Mr. John Mihalyo has accepted the position of Principal beginning July 1, 2019.

Mr. Mihalyo will be assuming the role currently held by Mr. Bob Cadran, who is retiring at the end of this school year.

While new to Saint Mary Magdalene, Mr. Mihalyo is no stranger to the Diocese of Raleigh. Over the past seven years, he has served as Principal of Saint Raphael Catholic School in Raleigh. While at Saint Raphael, the school saw exceptional growth in enrollment, student activities, and parent involvement. The school was fully re-accredited in 2015 with outstanding marks.

"The Catholic identity of the school is something very important to me," said Mihalyo. The school attends weekly Mass as a community, offers the Sacrament of Reconciliation monthly to students and faculty, and is involved in ongoing service opportunities throughout the community to benefit organizations including but not limited to, Catholic Parish Outreach and the Project Gabriel."

During his tenure at Saint Raphael, Mihalyo led the efforts to expand the fine arts at the school by partnering with Cardinal Gibbons High School to bring a strings program, band, and chorus. Additionally, after school activities such as chess club, fencing, ultimate frisbee, and Battle of the Books.

Mihalyo has sought to grow opportunities for parents to partner with the school, something he hopes to continue at Saint Mary Magdalene. Parent seminars on topics such as bullying, social media, and digital citizenship helped facilitate conversations for parents and their children, and formed partnerships between the school and home. An active Home and School Association has created opportunities to build upon the strong community at Saint Raphael through events the whole family can attend together.

Mihalyo believes in helping teachers and himself continuously improve through meaningful professional development opportunities. He has attended the 2018 Association of Supervision and Curriculum Development National Conference, The Leader in Me National Conference by Stephen Covey, and the Partners in Mission National Conference on Institutional Advancement and Marketing.

Prior to moving to Raleigh, he spent four years in Weirton, West Virginia, as the Principal of Weirton Madonna High School from 2008-12. During his time at Weirton Madonna, the school experienced a great deal of success academically, with over 60% of the students being awarded the Promise Scholarship in the state. Additionally, he created the Madonna Plus Program, a partnership with Wheeling Jesuit University that allows students to leave high school with an associates degree.

Mihalyo received his MS in Educational Administration from Shenandoah University and his BA in Elementary Education with a Minor in Social Sciences from West Liberty University.

He is married to his wife Theresa, and they have two children, Grace (10), and Jack (5) who will be attending Saint Mary Magdalene next year.



Parish Bookkeeper

JOB OPENING - Our 'bookkeeper from the very beginning' has been Ann Cadran. Ann installed the bookkeeping system and has been able to keep track of all our money over all these years. Our parish is most grateful for her service. Ann will retire this summer and we are looking for a new part time bookkeeper. Click [here](#) for a more detailed Job Description. Candidates should send resume to jobs@stmm.net.

Photos of the Week





High School Retreat last weekend.

Sign of Contradiction Film Screening



Elementary Faith Formation

Congratulations to all our children who made their First Reconciliation last week and a special thanks to all the Catechists and Parents who have worked diligently to prepare them for this sacrament. Please keep them in your prayers as they prepare for First Eucharist this Spring.

First Communion 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 need to sign up for their liturgy choice that week with Suzanne. You will be required to submit a guest number including your immediate family and the first communicant at this time. There are many materials to pick up the week of the meetings, so please stop by the Parish Office.

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 (see above for details)**.

All Grade 3 Families - Next Week: February 10th, 12th & 13th we begin again 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.

Inclement Weather Policy - As stated on the parish website religious education page as well as on the class session calendar, the elementary program does **NOT** follow the decisions made by the Wake County school system or StMM Catholic School. Decisions are made by the program coordinator. Once the decision is made to close the elementary programs we notify WRAL with a posting. If you don't see StMM on the band running across the bottom of the television than it is safe to conclude that we

are in session. When available we will also post it on the parish site as well as send an email to all registered program families.

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

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*

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 is Mon, 2/11 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.

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 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, Feb 18, 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.

Souper Bowl of Caring



celebration of giving and serving!

St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church's 2019 Souper Bowl Collection raised: \$1,628 and 350 lbs. of food. Proceeds from this event were donated to Catholic Parish Outreach food pantry and Western Wake Crisis Ministry. Thank you for helping to transform the time around the Super Bowl into the nation's largest

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 or 919-376-6714

KofC Fish Fry

Fish Fry Alert!



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 <https://squareup.com/store/kofc7186-stmm-fishfry/>. 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.

KofC Free Throw Championship



KofC Free Throw Championship! All boys and girls ages 9-14 are invited to take their best shot and earn prizes in the 2019 Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship on Saturday, February 23 beginning at 9:15 am in the gymnasium. Details at www.kofc7186.org/youth or contact David Tate at tatedavid2001@gmail.com or

980-428-1750.

'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: 2nd Sunday Breakfast -StMM KOC Council 7168 is hosting a breakfast on Sunday Feb 10th after 9am Mass only in StMM Dining Hall. Hope to see you there for a great breakfast and fellowship with your parishioners.

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 or our Membership Committee at MembershipKofC7186@gmail.com

Calendar

- Sunday Feb 10th: 2nd Sunday Breakfast; after 9am Mass only
- 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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