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### **St. Mary Magdalene E-News January 25, 2019**

#### **A Note From Father Donald Staib**

This week is Catholic Schools Week. We wish a happy week to all our students, parents, and teaching staff. This Spring we will graduate our 19<sup>th</sup> class. The old Yearbooks show how they looked back in our beginning.

Today we begin the Bishop's Annual Appeal. I have found the parish most responsive to the routine we had used for quite a few years. At the beginning of the sermon ushers will pass out pledged forms which can later be placed in the collection. Our goal this year is \$191,507. Doing the math - to meet our goal we ask a pledge of \$187 from each parish household.

We have received \$10,650 from 39 households. This year reporting will be delayed because of extra security precautions the diocese is taking with your donations.

This week also there will be a 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection. This is an annual collection for the church in Latin America.

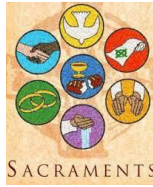
**CONFESSIONS:** There will be Confessions Saturday January 26, after Baptisms and on Saturday February 2.

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. 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

### SINCERELY WRONG

One of our great challenges is confronting someone who is sincere, but sincerely wrong. People's absolute belief in the rightness of what they're doing is what makes it so difficult to change minds or offer correction.

Here are some steps to follow: 1) Be Gracious. Very often you'll find that in their zealotry and passion, people can be rude and disrespectful. 2) Keep to the facts. No matter what they say, don't let personal emotions, frustration, or anger color the discussion. 3) You have to read between the lines. Be ready for some pretty crazy statements. 4) Help them save face. Remember that fear of failure is a powerful drug. An issue may seem black and white to you, but others have a great deal riding on their side of the story. - From an articles by Phil Cooke

## 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)

## 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](mailto:jobs@stmm.net).

## Youth Ministry Haiti Service Project and Haiti Mission Trip Announcement

**Help build a house in Haiti!** Our teens have raised \$2500.00 which means we have \$1100.00 to go!!! If you do not have a teen in one of our programs but you'd like to contribute to this effort, you can go to this link and select the fund "House in Haiti": <https://secure.accessacs.com/access/oglogin.aspx?sn=102397&f>. 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](#).

**Haiti Mission Trip Announcement:** In April 2018, St Mary Magdalene's youth ministers, Janine McGann & Liz Sams, went on an incredible mission trip to Jeremie, Haiti with a group run by Haiti Mission Inc out of Louisiana. You can learn more about this organization at their website: <http://www.haitimissioninc.com/>. The experience of being in a 3rd world country was something that impacted both of them profoundly & changed their hearts forever. Haiti Mission has been contacted our parish to let us know that their upcoming trip in April 2019 has 4 openings & they have asked us to advertise it with our parishioners to see if anyone would like to be a part of that trip. The trip will run from April 8th-16th, 2019 and costs b/t \$1600-\$1700. This cost includes all of your costs associated with the trip, including your round trip airfare from RDU to Haiti. This trip is open to adults, young adults, and if a parent would like to bring their teenager they can do that as well. If you are interested in this trip, please contact David Fakier at [raoulrad@aol.com](mailto:raoulrad@aol.com). If you have some questions you'd like to ask of somebody who has already gone on this mission trip, you may contact either Janine or Liz & they'd be happy to answer any questions you may have.

## Speaking to Sparrows Fundraising Event



## Sign of Contradiction Film Screening



## Elementary Faith Formation

**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.

**First Reconciliation Retreat** is Saturday, February 2, 2019 for students in Grade 2 and Wednesday Evening Intermediate Sacramental Program from 8:30 am - 12:00 noon. The retreat will take place in the Activities Building. You will be receiving an email with general information the week of January 28<sup>th</sup>.

**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 Meetings** that will be held on Monday, March 11, 2019 or Tuesday, March 12, 2019 at either the 10:30 am - 12 noon meeting in the Church Room 3 & 4 or at the 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm meeting in the Church Room 3&4. One parent needs to attend one meeting.

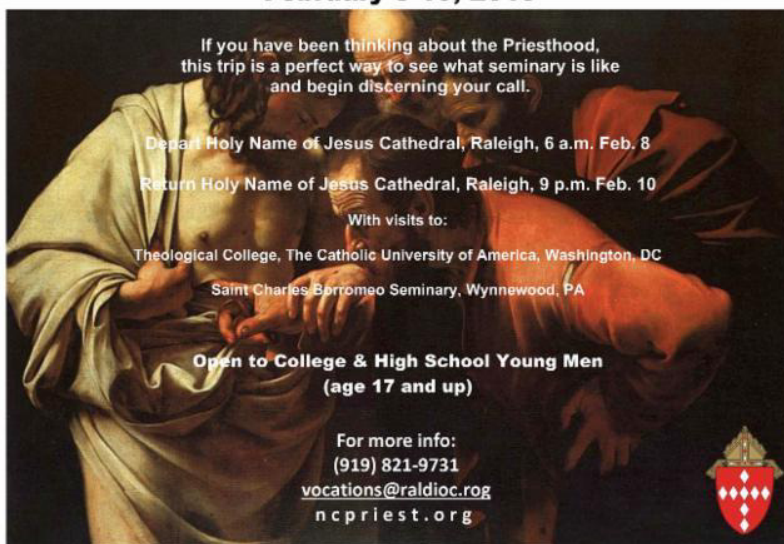
**First Reconciliation Dates** are Tuesday, February 5th at 5p & 6:30p and Wednesday, February 6th at 5p & 6:30p for all students in our StMM Religious Education Program. StMM School Students are receiving on Thursday, February 7th at 10am.

## Annual Seminary Pilgrimage

Diocese of Raleigh Office of Vocations Presents

### 2019 SEMINARY PILGRIMAGE

February 8-10, 2019



If you have been thinking about the Priesthood,  
this trip is a perfect way to see what seminary is like  
and begin discerning your call.

Depart Holy Name of Jesus Cathedral, Raleigh, 6 a.m. Feb. 8  
Return Holy Name of Jesus Cathedral, Raleigh, 9 p.m. Feb. 10

With visits to:

Theological College, The Catholic University of America, Washington, DC  
Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary, Wynnewood, PA

Open to College & High School Young Men  
(age 17 and up)

For more info:  
(919) 821-9731  
[vocations@raldioc.org](mailto:vocations@raldioc.org)  
[ncpriest.org](http://ncpriest.org)

"If today you hear His voice, harden not your hearts."  
Hebrews 3:15

## 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 Sun, 1/27 at 12noon; 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](mailto:bsmith@stmm.net)) to register and for meeting room.

## Welcome Dinner



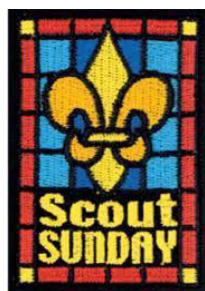
A soup and salad welcome meal for new members of the parish will be held Saturday Feb 2nd in the St Martha hall (the activities building cafeteria) immediately after the 5pm Mass. We encourage representatives of St Mary Magdalene ministries to attend and to introduce themselves. We also need volunteers to help with meal preparation and setup. If you would like to attend the dinner or volunteer to help, please call Christine Agius at 919-303-5803.

## 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

## Scout Sunday



Scout Sunday - February 3rd. The Knights of Columbus are sponsoring an event to recognize and celebrate our parish's Scouts (Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Cub Scouts and their leaders) at the 9 AM Mass on Sunday, February 3rd. At the conclusion of the Mass, the Knights will provide refreshments for the Scouts and their families in the cafeteria. There will be a special handout at the Mass listing the Scouts participating in the event. To be included in the handout, please provide the following information to [stmm.scoutsunday@gmail.com](mailto:stmm.scoutsunday@gmail.com) by January 27th: name, unit type, unit number, rank or position and any religious award/emblem received in the past year. Scouts are asked to attend the event in uniform. Information submissions should receive a confirmation of receipt email within 48 hours. If not, please contact Ben Ryan at 919-924-4888.

## Wedding Ministry



Do you love weddings? Would you like to become a member of the Wedding Ministry? A training for new wedding ministry volunteers and existing volunteers looking for a refresher will be held on Saturday Feb 9th at 10am. The session will cover volunteer responsibilities during the rehearsal and ceremony as well as information about becoming a Mentor Couple. If you are interested in joining this fun and rewarding ministry, sign up by sending an e-mail to [weddings@stmm.net](mailto:weddings@stmm.net).

## Extraordinary Ministers Training



**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion in the Sacred Liturgy Training** date is set for Sunday, February 10th 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, February 8, if attending.

## 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 Feb 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)

## 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](mailto:miriamdel79@yahoo.com), 919-387-8676 or Fran Hughes, [gmomfran@gmail.com](mailto:gmomfran@gmail.com).

## Souper Bowl of Caring



The Nationwide SOUPER BOWL OF CARING "tackle hunger" event will take place at St. Mary Magdalene Church at all masses on Super Bowl weekend, **February 2nd & 3rd**. More than \$90 million has been raised for local charities across the country through Souper Bowl of Caring. The time around Super Bowl weekend has been transformed into the nation's largest celebration of giving and serving. Please be part of this movement that is sharing God's love with those in need. We are collecting CANS OF SOUP and DOLLAR DONATIONS before and after all masses on Super Bowl weekend. Proceeds will benefit Catholic Parish Outreach (CPO) food pantry and Western Wake Crisis Ministry (WWCM) food pantry.

## '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: Speaking to Sparrows Screening Fundraiser*** - StMM KOC Council 7168 is hosting a showing of Speaking to Sparrows as a fundraiser for Project Light and their continued efforts to create impactful resources for our youth and their parents. Fundraiser will be held on **Thursday Jan 31st in StMM Chapel at 7-9:30pm** for Knights and StMM Adult Parishioners. Link to purchasing tickets is as follows: <https://www.eventbrite.com/o/project-light-ministries-15478073360>

**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>

***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 Jan 26th: Brookridge Assisted Living Resident Visits in Apex (10:30am & 3:00pm)
- Thursday Jan 31<sup>st</sup>: Speaking to Sparrows Screening Fundraiser (7pm-9:30pm in StMM Chapel) for Knights & StMM Adult Parishioners
- Sunday Feb 10th: Second Sunday Breakfast

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