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## St. Mary Magdalene E-News January 4, 2019

### A Note From Father Donald Staib

Happy Epiphany to all. This is a feast to remind us to continue to search for the presence of the Lord.

King Herod 'was greatly troubled and all Jerusalem with him.' We keep in prayer rulers in our world so they may always strive to bring good to their people And not terrible trouble as did King Herod.

After Mass please join in our retirement reception for Celeste Usischon. We are grateful to Celeste for her devotion to our parish and the children who have benefited from her Religious Education knowledge and devotion over many years. We wish her great days in her retirement and are happy that she will continue to be a part of our parish.

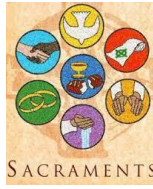
**CONFESSIONS:** There will be Confessions on Saturday January 5 and Saturday January 12 at 10:30, after Baptisms.

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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

How could the Magi abandon everything and set on the road to who-knows-where on the basis of the testimony of a star?

How could the Magi see something unnoticed by so many others?

A characteristic of God's signs is: they are only visible in the dark.

At night, when the noise of words diminishes, when the business slows down, then God manages to speak to the heart. The night strips us of certain pretensions and protections, disguises, and distractions.

## 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)

## Youth Ministry Haiti Service Project

**Help build a house in Haiti!** We are almost halfway to our goal!!! 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

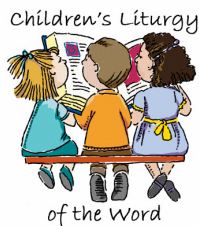
Haiti and saw firsthand the incredibly life changing work HMI is doing in the Jeremie area and felt a strong call to connect our StMM YM teens & families with HMI. Our youth can have a profound impact on the life of a family living in complete despair and allow them to have a safe place to sleep, gather, 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](#).

## 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.

## Children's Liturgy of the Word



Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW) is 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. We would be delighted to have your family join us! Please be sure to register your child(ren) to participate by emailing 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. Thank you for helping to make this ministry flourish!

## 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).

## Health Promotions Committee



Join us for an informative discussion on the Benefits of Counseling on Sunday Jan 13, 2019 at 10am, immediately following the 9am Mass. Sister Anne Heath from Catholic Charities will be our guest speaker. Hope you can join us. For more details 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 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



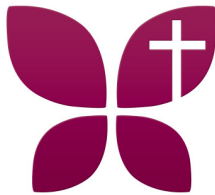
The CSO (Catholic Senior Organization for men and women 60+) meets every third Monday of the month, September through May. Our next meeting will take place Monday, Jan 21, 9:30 - 11am, in Church meeting room #1. For more information, please contact Miriam Moore, [miriamdel79@yahoo.com](mailto:miriamdel79@yahoo.com), 919-387-8676 or Fran Hughes, [gmomfran@gmail.com](mailto:gmomfran@gmail.com).

## Family Promise



Family Promise - StMM Supporting Homeless Families - StMM will support Family Promise by volunteering time and donating items to homeless families that will be housed at St. Andrew Jan 20-26. Please stop by tables in the lobby the first weekend of Jan (Jan 5-6) to select your volunteer activity or item for donation. We could not do this without you, and need many volunteers for each day and night. Family Promise is a county-wide program that provides support to pre-screened homeless families as they transition into permanent housing. <http://www.familypromisewake.org/>. Reminder: All donations are dropped off at St. Andrew. Please contact Mary Wire at [mbwire@gmail.com](mailto:mbwire@gmail.com) or 919-749-8932 with questions.

## St. Mary Magdalene School



**St. Mary Magdalene School** is now accepting applications for all grades. In addition to grades K-8 we also offer full-day and half-day preschool for children that are 3 and 4. We offer a loving environment with teacher assistants in the classrooms through grade 3, a full arts program including band and drama, textbooks in all subjects, and very low staff turnover. Financial assistance is available to registered parishioners that have demonstrated their stewardship to the parish. We also participate in the NC Opportunity Scholarship and Disability Grant programs. Email now to set up a time to visit the school: [admissions@stmm.net](mailto:admissions@stmm.net) or check out our website at [www.stmm.net](http://www.stmm.net). We look forward to meeting your family!

## '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:**

- Offer monthly breakfast for parishioners and their families for fellowship (Santa visited our Dec 16th Breakfast)
- 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 High Light: 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>

**Calendar**

- **Sunday Jan 13th: Sunday Breakfast (after 9am & 10:45am Mass)**
- **Thursday Jan 31st: Speaking to Sparrows Fundraiser 7pm Chapel**

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