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

### A Note From Father Donald Staib

We received a thank you note from Catholic Parish Outreach for our parish collection of 2,069 pounds of groceries and gifts of \$2,040. Our St Mary Magdalene School children contributed 852 pounds of groceries. Thank you to all who helped.

On Fridays during Lent there will be Stations of the Cross in church at 7 pm. I am grateful that a group of people have come forth to lead the Stations.

Regarding the Bishop's Annual Appeal - last weekend we received \$6,935 from 9 new pledges. Thank you very much. We have surpassed our goal by \$14,539. So far we have about 36% parish participation; \$204,516 had been given by 636 households. Gift/Pledge forms are in the pew racks.

**CONFESSIONS:** In another part of the bulletin there is a schedule for Confessions at nearby parishes during Lent. At St Mary Magdalene there will not be Confessions on Saturday March 23 because there is a wedding. There will be Confessions on Saturday March 30, after Baptisms.

On Holy Thursday we have the Foot Washing of 12 people. Volunteers - contact me. This is for adults and children in 3rd grade and up.

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.

**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

The parable about the barren fig tree is a grace. It is a wakeup call to tell us it is a good time to make the changes we have been putting off and know we must do. Because, the parable is quite clear... there is a time limit.

I work best when I have a deadline. I get to the job at hand; concentrate my best efforts and work diligently. Hear the voice of the gardener, "If it doesn't bear fruit you can cut it down."

We are being given time - a graced time. We have space to grow; mature spiritually; reshape our lives; serve the Lord; remove the obstacles, big or small, between us and God; between us and others.

There is a deadline. But we don't have to get our act together on our own. The parable is about grace. We are "cultivated" by a loving Gardener. If we desire to change we have help. Jesus is the Gardener who will nurture in us fruits of conversion and faithful discipleship.

- Father Jude Siciliano, OP

## 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)

## Lenten Penance Services

Monday, March 25 (7 PM)	St. Raphael, Raleigh
Tuesday, March 26 (11 AM)	St. Raphael, Raleigh
Tuesday, March 26 (7 PM)	Holy Name of Jesus Cathedral
Monday, April 8 (11 AM)	St. Michael the Archangel
Wednesday, April 10 (7 PM)	St. Michael the Archangel
Thursday, April 11 (7 PM)	St. Bernadette, Fuquay Varina

## Parish Religious Education Program

**First Eucharist Liturgies** are May 11th/12th & May 18th/19th at all weekend liturgies. If you missed the parent meeting, **please contact Suzanne this week** to sign up for your choice of liturgy, to provide the number of guests that will be attending and topick up your materials.

**First Eucharist Retreat** is Saturday, May 4, 2019 from 8:30 am - 12:00 noon in the Activities Building. Please bring the communion banner, the family focus poster and pick up your seating reservation that morning.

**Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowls** have been distributed. This lent, please encourage your children to practice almsgiving and give whatever your means will allow. Contributions are due back in the form of a check made payable to STMM the week of 4/7/19. Please write "CRS '19" on the memo line.

**Holy Week & Easter Holiday Schedule** - There are no Religious Education Classes on Sunday, April 14, Tuesday, April 16, Wednesday, April 17, Sunday, April 21, Tuesday, April 23, and Wednesday, April 24, 2019.

**All Religious Education Programs End** - Sunday, May 5, Tuesday, May 7, and Wednesday, May 8, 2019.

## 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@kristoffs.com](mailto:stmm.confirmation@kristoffs.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:  
April 11th, & May 2nd. All the workshops will be held at 7:30pm in Room #3 of the church*

## Worship and Witness



Save the Date for our ASP Parish BBQ and **WORSHIP & WITNESS** coming up on Saturday, April 6! Parish BBQ after 5pm Mass and a worship night from 7:30pm-9pm! Ticket sales for the BBQ will be after all Masses on March 16/17, 23/24, and 30/31. Worship night is free! This event's proceeds go to StMM ASP mission trip. Questions, please contact Taylor Wray at [stmmas@gmail.com](mailto:stmmas@gmail.com)

### Commemorative Bricks



**COMMEMORATIVE BRICKS** - Commemorative bricks line the walkway to our Activities Building. St. Mary Magdalene Church will be placing a brick order THIS MONTH. Engraved bricks are \$100. Our deadline is **April 12th**. Order forms are in the church office or at <http://www.stmm.church/giving/>. Commemorate a First Communion or a Graduation with an engraved brick.

### 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 April 5th. 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:** 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)

## Columbarium

Choices:

The STMM Columbarium has nearly 100 of the 552 niches reserved. Most of them are reserved as doubles so nearly 200 of STMM parishioners have chosen the STMM Columbarium as their final resting place. Depending on the number of attendees funeral masses have been held in either the Church or the Chapel. Inurnments have immediately followed the funeral Mass, allowing the family to gather and pay their final respects.

There are two niches that have been set-aside for youth deaths. These are common niches meant to provide families a reverent place for their loved ones on either a temporary or permanent basis. The Knights of Columbus are supporting families that experience a youth death with their prayers along with an urn at no cost.

A change is up coming on niche pricing effective 1 July 2019. If you know you are interested in a niche within the STMM Columbarium, you may want to consider completing the process prior to 1 July 2019. Columbarium guidelines are on-line @ [www.StMM.church/welcome/Columbarium.cfm](http://www.StMM.church/welcome/Columbarium.cfm) Current availability of niches as well as the process of obtaining a niche are also at this link. Information cards are also on the tables in the narthex of the Church. The recommend urn is available for ordering at a significant discount over retail pricing. You also have the option to store the urn in your niche until needed.

A Columbarium information session will be held in Meeting Room 1 after mass on Mar 30-31, 2019 to provide additional information. If you have questions or would like to speak with someone on the Columbarium Committee please go to [Columbarium@stmm.net](mailto:Columbarium@stmm.net) and someone will be back to you as quickly as possible. The Columbarium committee is committed to make the reservation process as easy as possible.

## Health Promotions Committee



**Yoga Introduction:** Come join us Sunday March 31st @ 10am in Room 4 for an introduction to the benefits of Yoga, a seated activity and resources for local classes. Lois Cromwell, Certified Yoga Instructor and StMM Parishioner will be our guest speaker.

## Power and Purpose Conference

**Power and Purpose Conference** - all StMM adult parishioners are invited to register for this incredible Steubenville adult conference held at Franciscan University June 7-9.. This year, we are organizing a large StMM group to attend. Father Dave Pivonka, Mary Bielski, and Chris Padgett are just a few of the dynamic speakers you will hear. Read more about it at <https://steubenvilleconferences.com/events/ppc/>. Please register with the StMM group using this link: <http://bit.ly/Laura-Werner-PPC19>. Contact Laura Werner at [wernerLhome@gmail.com](mailto:wernerLhome@gmail.com) with questions and to learn about transportation options.



## Children's Liturgy of the Word



CLOW will be celebrating the season of Lent with children ages 3 years through first grade at the Sunday morning Masses when volunteers are available, please join us! Families, please note that CLOW will not be gathering on Palm Sunday or Easter, so that the children can join in the activities in the sanctuary with the congregation. Please send any questions about this co-op ministry to [stmmclow@gmail.com](mailto:stmmclow@gmail.com).

## Men's Rosary Group



"The Rosary is a prayer that always accompanies me; it is also the prayer of the ordinary people and the saints... it is a prayer from my heart." - Pope Francis. Join the men of our parish praying the Rosary every Thursday at 7pm in the Chapel.

No experience necessary! Rosaries and prayer cards provided by StMM Knights of Columbus. For more information contact Joe Sebik, [joeysebik@gmail.com](mailto:joeysebik@gmail.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, April 15, 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).

## KofC Fish Fry



**KofC Annual Lent Fish Fry...** - Fri, 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.

## Mattress Sale

**Mattress Sale-** At St. Mary Magdalene on April 13th and 14th. Discounted Name Brands with a portion of the proceeds going to causes supported by the Knights of Columbus.

## KofC Crawfish Boil

**Enjoy authentic Louisiana Boiled Crawfish!**... - Fri, April 12th in the Dining Hall during two dine-in or take-out sessions: 5:30 and 7:00. \$18 per order and \$3 kids' meals (grilled cheese). Pre-order only, by April 5<sup>th</sup>. Order online at [www.KofCCrawfishBoil.com](http://www.KofCCrawfishBoil.com). The Knights of Columbus Council 7186 is pleased to sponsor this event with all proceeds going to organizations in the area that support

people with intellectual disabilities. **Free samples available while supplies last on March 22<sup>nd</sup> during the Fish Fry.**

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

***Event: "KofC Craw Fish Boil" - Friday April 12<sup>th</sup> in the Dining Hall with Serving Times @ 5:30pm & 7:00pm (Dine In or Carry Out). Proceeds going to organizations in Apex and surrounding areas that support people with intellectual disabilities. This is a Pre-Order Only event, as we will be bringing in live crawfish. Please pre-order before April 5<sup>th</sup> at [www.kofccrawfishboil.com](http://www.kofccrawfishboil.com). Website is LIVE and now open for pre-orders!***

***Event: "KofC Mattress Sale" - Saturday April 13<sup>th</sup> thru Sunday April 14<sup>th</sup> in Gym after each Mass. Proceeds going to organizations in Apex and surrounding areas that support people with intellectual disabilities. These are top of the line major brands offered at lower prices due to lower overhead. Many display models will be setup for you to look at and tryout. Video: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h\\_pQ6O8aVus](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h_pQ6O8aVus) Website: <https://www.customfundraisingsolutions.com/>***

### ***Calendar of Events:***

- Friday Mar 22<sup>nd</sup> & Apr 5<sup>th</sup>: Annual Lent Fish Fry in Dining Hall (5:30pm-7:45pm)
- Saturday Mar 23<sup>rd</sup>: Brookridge Assisted Living Resident Visits in Apex (10:30am & 3:00pm), Sign-up <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0a4cacaf292-brookridge>
- Tuesday Mar 26<sup>th</sup>: Men's Homeless Shelter Meals, Signup  
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d4ea4ab2a1-mens>
- Friday April 12<sup>th</sup>: KofC Crawl Fish Boil in Dining Hall (Serving Times @ 5:30pm & 7:00pm)
- Saturday Apr 13<sup>th</sup> - Sunday Apr 14<sup>th</sup>: Mattress sales (after Sat 5pm, Sun 9am and 10:45am Mass)
- Saturday May 4<sup>th</sup> - Apex Peak Festival

### ***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)

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