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### **St. Mary Magdalene E-News November 16, 2018**

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

Deacon Joe LaPierre will be absent from our worship for a while, as he is helping a family member during time of illness. Please keep his family in your prayers.

Thanksgiving Day Mass will be at 10 am



Visit Our Church Website

Thank you to all who have responded to our low-key request for addition funds for our offertory and for debt payments for the new church. Our membership has increased by 300 families in the past year and we seek funds for operating expenses and our consideration of increased staffing.

In the month of November we remember all those who have died, especially during the past year. We are grateful for what they have given to us during life and we pray for them eternal rest.

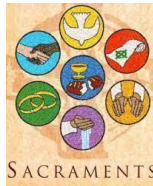
**CONFESSIONS:** There will be Confessions at 10:30 am Saturday November 17, after Baptisms. There will not be Confessions on Saturday November 24. We will publish a list of the Advent Penance Services in our area soon.

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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

Saint Paul's letter to the Philippians

*I give thanks to my God at every remembrance of you, praying always with joy in my every prayer for all of you, because of your partnership for the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work in you will continue to complete it until the day of Christ Jesus. It is right that I should think this way about all of you, because I hold you in my heart, you who are all partners with me in grace, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the affection of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer: that your love may increase ever more and more in knowledge and every kind of perception, to discern what is of value, so that you may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.*

## Financial Matters

### OUR GIVING PATTERNS

For the year 2017 here are the giving patterns of our parish per week  
The numbers include Offertory and Gifts for the New Church

115 gave \$75 or over per week	105 gave \$50-\$74
244 gave \$25-\$49	427 gave \$10-\$24
205 gave \$5-\$9	247 gave \$1-\$4
122 gave less than \$1	368 have no record of giving

The **2017-2018 Financial Report** is now available on the Church website at [www.stmm.church/annual\\_report\\_2018\\_to\\_parish.pdf](http://www.stmm.church/annual_report_2018_to_parish.pdf).

**Stock Donations Before Year's End?** If you are considering a tax deductible stock donation before the end of 2018 the process is easy. Go to <http://dioceseofraleigh.org/give> and download the stock donation form. A contact person is listed on the form should you have questions. All

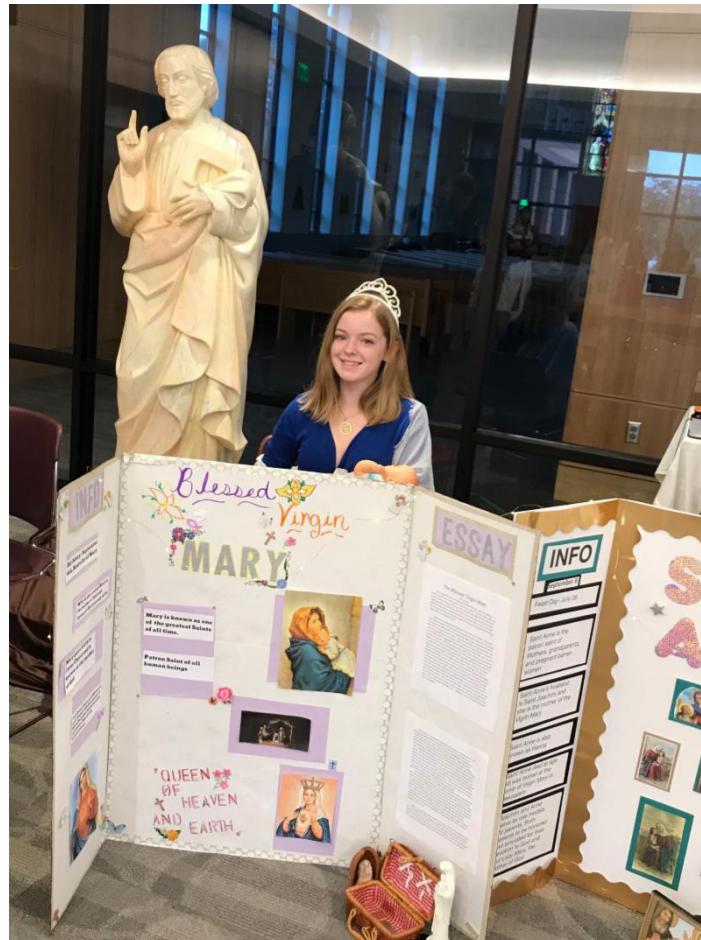
stock donations are processed through the Diocese of Raleigh and proceeds are forwarded to the parish.

**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)

## Pictures of the Week





StMM Middle School students' wax museum of saints

## Advent Mission 2018





## Youth Ministry Haiti Service Project

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](#).

## Thanksgiving Meal Collection



**Western Wake Crisis Ministry Thanksgiving Meal Collection.** Our parish will be collecting food to donate to Western Wake Crisis Ministry (WWCM) in Apex for Thanksgiving Meals for needy families. **Reminder:** All donations must be brought to StMM before all Masses on the weekend of Nov. 18th/19th; but no later than 10:30 am on the 19th to allow time for delivery to WWCM. All checks for turkeys or complete meals should be made payable to WWCM.

## Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion Training



**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion in the Sacred Liturgy Training** date is set for Sunday, December 9th 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, December 7, if attending.

## Children's Liturgy of the Word



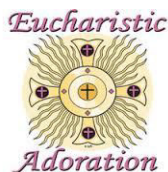
**Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW)** has begun. This coop ministry guides children ages 3 years to first grade through a portion of the Mass in a prayerful, kid-centered way. **Register your child(ren) at the CLOW table outside of Mass or simply email Celeste Usischon [usischon@stmm.net](mailto:usischon@stmm.net) to participate.** All parents will need to take a turn to serve as either parent assistant or C-Level leader. Thank you for helping to make this ministry flourish!

## Chrysalis - Marriage Enrichment



**Calling all married couples to Chrysalis Marriage Enrichment!** With a focus on faith and fellowship, monthly meetings are thoughtfully designed to help couples strengthen their relationships and families through Christ. To sign up or for more information, please email Ryan & Kelley Evenson at [stmmchrysalis@gmail.com](mailto:stmmchrysalis@gmail.com). **Next date is Sun, Nov 18.** Onsite childcare is available at our regular Sunday meetings for children under 10 years. RSVPs are kindly requested. Looking for an opportunity to help serve our parish families? **C-level certified adults and responsible, energetic youth volunteers** (ages 11 years +) are needed on the **Chrysalis Childcare Team**. Volunteers lead organized activities and care for the children during regular monthly meetings. To volunteer, please contact [stmmchrysalis@gmail.com](mailto:stmmchrysalis@gmail.com). Thank you!

## 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 Dec 7th and 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, November 19th, 9:30 - 11am, in Church meeting room #1. Our speaker will be an officer from Apex Community Policing. 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).

## 'Knight's Corner'



### *Calling all Catholic Men to the Knights of Columbus*

"A Catholic Fraternal Service Organization"

Our Knights at StMM Council 7186 have been very busy with Hurricane Florence relief, CPO Food Drive, StMM Parish Projects etc.

*Are You Being Called? Please join us to help those in need.*

### *Did You Know Your StMM KofC Council 7186:*

- 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.

### *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 Highlight:** *Christmas Cards are for sale* (before and after all masses).

We also have some Christmas Ornaments for sale as well.

### Calendar

- **December 9:** Sunday Breakfast (after 9am & 10:45am Mass) - **Kids Eat Free** in celebration of St. Nicholas Day

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