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St. Mary Magdalene E-News November 30, 2018

A Note From Father Donald Staib

On the octagon tables in the lobby this week are self-nomination forms to serve on our Parish Council. The Parish Council is most helpful to me in guiding our parish and its programs. These forms are orange color in the church, but they can also be downloaded by clicking [here](#).

I am most grateful to those who give their time and efforts to help our parish grow and strive to attend to the needs we have in this community. We are grateful to those members who will retire this term: Steve Dudzinski, Dennis Taylor, and Jeffrey Stumpf. They have given generously of their time and talent for our parish.

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

CONFESSIONS: There will not be Confessions on Saturday December 1 because of the 25th ordination anniversary of Bishop Luis Rafael Zarama and a wedding at StMM. There will be Confessions on Saturday December 8 at 10:30. The list of the Advent Penance Services is in our bulletin this week.

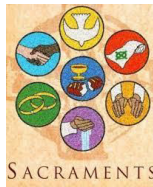
HOLYDAY - Feast of the Immaculate Conception Saturday December 8. I do not remember it being on a Saturday before, but I am sure that happened. The only Mass for this holyday at StMM will be a Vigil Mass on Friday at 5 pm, most likely in our Chapel. Our Cathedral will have Masses on Friday at 7 pm in Spanish and on Saturday at 9 am in English.

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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

When I go to re-read an account of what I did each day, I'm always amazed as how rich and full life was on those days, except that I wasn't much aware of it at the time. While actually living through those days, mostly I was struggling to get my work done, to stay healthy, to meet expectations, to carve out some moments of friendship and recreation amidst the pressures of the day, and to get to bed at a reasonable hour. There wasn't a lot of soul there, just a lot of routine, work, and hurry.

I suspect that this is typical. We tend to take life, health, energy, and work for granted, until they are taken away from us. Only after the fact do we realize how rich our life has been and how little of those riches we drank in at the time.

Our souls eventually do catch up with us, but it would be good if we didn't wait until we were in the retirement home for this to happen. We need regularly to stop and wait for our souls to catch up. - Father Ron Rolheiser OMI

Financial Matters

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)

Advent Penance Services

Saint Michael, Monday, Dec 3 at 11am
Holy Name of Jesus Cathedral, Tuesday, Dec 4 at 7pm
Saint Bernadette, Fuquay-Varina, Wednesday, Dec 5 at 7pm
Saint Francis, Raleigh, Wednesday, December 12 at 11am
Saint Raphael, Monday Dec 17 at 7pm
Saint Raphael, Tuesday Dec 18 at 11am
Saint Michael, Cary, Wednesday Dec 19 at 7pm
Saint Bernadette, Fuquay-Varina, Thursday, Dec 20 at 11am

Advent Mission 2018



Keep a Watch
 ADVENT MISSION **2018**

SARAH KROGER **DOM QUAGLIA**
 WITH SPECIAL GUEST TOM YOUNG

Sunday, Dec. 2nd
St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church, Apex, NC
6:30pm-8:00pm. Open to all families, all ages,
and all friends!

Baby Formula Collection for Venezuela

Special collection of baby formula for Babies in Venezuela: We are collecting Baby Formula (0-12 months), PediaSure and baby bottles. Bring your donations to the Saint Mary Magdalene masses on Sunday, December 2nd or to the Advent Mission on 12/2. The donations collected will be sent to a

Charlotte based nonprofit organization called VIDA (working towards the same goal as VPT), and they will ship it to Venezuela. The donations will take from 3 to 5 weeks to get to the Children's Hospital San Juan de Dios, located in Caracas. If for some reason you are not able to bring your donation on Dec 2nd you can drop it off at Chipotle Restaurant (1516 Village Market Place, Morrisville) on Dec 9th from 5-9 pm. We are having a fundraiser over there to collect more baby formula.

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](#).

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 by Friday, December 7, if attending.

Holy Land Olive Wood Crafts



"HOLYLAND OLIVE WOOD CRAFTS" - After Masses this weekend in the Narthex, there will be a display of beautiful Olivewood hand carvings from the town of Bethlehem. These carvings are made by Christians of Bethlehem who use them as their source of income. These brothers and sisters of ours are enduring hardships at this moment because of the volatile situation in their home country. Christians in the Holy land used to be more than 30% of the population, now they are less than 1.5% because of the situation. You can support them by purchasing these carvings. By sending the proceeds back to the craftsmen's families, this solution has allowed Christian families to remain in their homeland and work at their traditional crafts.

Blessing and Lighting of the Nativity



Please join us for the blessing and lighting of the nativity scene outside the main church entrance this Saturday, December 1st, immediately following the 5pm Mass. Refreshments will be provided by the Knights of Columbus.

Landscaping Committee



StMM Landscaping Committee is having the first Christmas Landscaping Clean Up and Refresh of our campus; we need volunteers to pick up trash/debris & spread mulch/pine straw; December 9th starting at 2pm; bring yourself, family, and friends; if you have, bring rake, shovel, and wheelbarrow; email us at Landscaping@stmm.net if you are planning on joining us!

Angel Tree



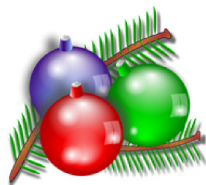
The **Angel Tree** is in the lobby filled with ornaments for needy children and families from several Wake County non-profit organizations. Please attach the ornament to the gift/food/contribution to help us track all donations. Feel free to wrap or bag gifts for the children (star tags). No other gifts should be wrapped. **All contributions should be placed under the tree no later than 10:45am on Dec. 16th.**

Pajama and Shoe Drive

The **StMM first grades** are sponsoring a **pajama drive** in conjunction with Scholastic books. For every pair of pajamas that is donated through the Great Bedtime Story Pajama Drive, Scholastic Book Clubs will donate a brand-new book to Pajama Program to give kids affected by instability a good night - for a good day! Please consider donating a new pair of pajamas from size newborn to adult. There will be collection bins in the school lobby from Dec 3 - 12. Thank you for making a child's Christmas brighter!

The **StMM second grade** is hosting a **shoe drive** from Dec 3 - 12. During this season of giving, we are asking you to please donate new or gently used shoes to those in need. Boxes will be located in the school lobby for you to deposit your shoe donations. Please tie laces of shoes/sneakers together before bringing them to school. For shoes/sneakers without laces, kindly place them in a plastic bag. The shoe donations are given to Brown Bag Ministry who distributes them to those in need. These essential items of living will be greatly appreciated, especially with the cold weather.

Choir Concert



Mark your calendars! To get everyone in the Christmas mood, the choir will be hosting a carol concert and will perform some traditional Christmas music on Saturday, Dec 8th from 6:15 - 7:15, following the 5:00pm mass. All are invited to attend, sing a few carols and listen to the choir in the amazing setting of our new Church. Hope you can make it!

Children's Liturgy of the Word



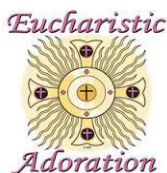
We are celebrating Advent at **Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW)**. Please be sure you have registered your child(ren) to participate. To register, please send an email to our ministry at stmmclow@gmail.com, as all parents will need to use the online sign-up to **serve as parent assistant or C-Level leader** throughout the year. This 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. Thank you for helping to make this ministry flourish!

Health Promotions Committee



"Are you worried about someone in your life?" Join us for an informational seminar featuring Sister Anne Heath, Counseling Specialist from Catholic Charities on Sunday, December 9th at 10am in Room #1, immediately following mass. For more information contact 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 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.

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, Dec 17, 9:30 - 11am, in Church meeting room #1. For more information, please contact Miriam Moore, miriamdel79@yahoo.com, 919-387-8676, or Fran Hughes, gmomfran@gmail.com.

'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:

- 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 or our Membership Committee at 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

- Saturday Dec 1st: Nativity setup (8am) and lighting (after 5pm Mass)
- Sunday Dec 9th: Sunday Breakfast (after 9am & 10:45 mass)- **"KIDS EAT FREE"** in celebration of St. Nicholas Day
- Tuesday Dec 25th: Serve meals at Men's Homeless Shelter (5:15pm-6:30pm)

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