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St. Mary Magdalene E-News October 12, 2018

A Note From Father Donald Staib

In recent months our Parish Council has discussed the issue of Stewardship in our parish. I am grateful for all the efforts and plans they have made. We downsized some of the ways to bring this issue to our parish because it may not be the best of times to emphasize money.

But we did keep some of the plans. In the pew rack today is a purple pamphlet we invite you to take home for a daily meditation. Also there will be handed out with the bulletin a brochure. At the bottom of this page is a note where you can find our annual Financial Report.

I am grateful for all the efforts of our Parish Council and Finance Council and I also thank all those who support our Ministries at St Mary Magdalene.

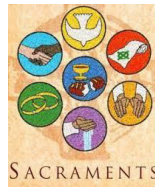
CONFESSIONS: There will be Confessions on Saturday October 13 at 10:30, but not on October 20. [A wedding will keep the pastor busy on October 20]

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

In some strange sense, we are more whole when we are incomplete. The individual who has everything is in some ways a poor person; the 'rich' will never know what it feels like to yearn, to hope, to nourish the soul with the dream of something better, to receive with gratitude something they already possess

As the young man in today's Gospel cannot understand, there is wholeness to those who can give their time, money, and strength to others and not feel diminished in doing so. There is a wholeness to those who can accept their limitations, who learn that they are strong enough to go through a tragedy and survive, who can lose something or someone and still feel complete.

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.

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

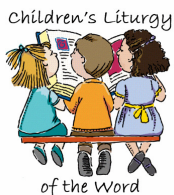
(Click on the above link to Donate)

Appalachia Service Project 2019



Applications for next summer's mission trip are now available! All youth and adults who are interested in going must go through the application process. Some basic requirements: Must be 14+ years old, active member at StMM, interested in service! Want an application, they are available every Sunday night in the lobby of the church after youth mass or you can contact Taylor Wray at stmmaspp@gmail.com.

Children's Liturgy of the Word



Children's Liturgy of the Word- Sign-ups begin soon and volunteers needed! Calling children ages 3 years to first grade to sign up for **Children's Liturgy of the Word**. This co-op ministry guides children through a portion of the Mass in a prayerful, kid-centered way. We are excited to begin offering CLOW starting October 21st at the Sunday Masses. ****New this year, we will need children to officially register so that we can communicate with parents throughout the year and to ensure we have the necessary parent volunteers and C Level Safe Environment Leaders for this ministry to flourish.**** Children sign-ups will begin at the **Ministry Fair on Oct 13/14**, or contact Celeste Usischon usischon@stmm.net to volunteer now as a leader. Thank you!

Do You Love Music, Sound Systems And Technology?



StMM Music Ministry is looking for someone to assist with the sound system during all Masses including the Youth Mass! We would like to have someone start training as soon as possible. This opportunity is open to High School students and up! If you are interested in training for this, please contact stmmsoundministry@gmail.com.

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. **Fall meeting dates are Sun, Sept 30; Sat, Oct 20; and 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. Thank you!

Ministry and Stewardship



Ministry and Stewardship-You are invited to the 2018 Ministry Fair in the Narthex (lobby) of the church after each Mass on the weekend of October 13th and 14th. The Ministry Fair is a wonderful way for parishioners to meet and gather information about the various ministries, committees, and organizations opportunities that are available within the parish community. Donuts and drinks will be provided.

Catholic Parish Outreach



CPO "Feed-A-Family" Food Drive collection at St. Mary Magdalene rescheduled for October - Due to Hurricane Florence, the collection for the CPO "Feed-A-Family" food drive at St. Mary Magdalene has been rescheduled for the weekend of October 20th & 21st. Please help CPO serve the less fortunate in our community by dropping off your CPO grocery bag or monetary donation to the CPO truck parked in the StMM parking lot on **October 20th & 21st**. **We are also in great need of books for preschoolers for our children's clothing ministry.** If you have any questions or would like to help with this project, please contact Kelly Rapp at krapp@nc.rr.com or Kathy Barnack at kbarnack@nc.rr.com

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 session is Mon, Nov. 5th 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) to register and for meeting room.

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, Oct 15, 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"

Our Knights at StMM Council 7186 have been delivering supplies for nearly two weeks to our brothers and sisters in the coastal areas of North Carolina that have been severely flooded and damaged by Hurricane Florence. We are now beginning to help with the clean-up. We could use some more helping hands. *Are You Being Called? Please join us to help those in need.*

For more information to becoming a Knight:

Visit our website: <http://kofc7186.org> Contact: Grand Knight (Tom Blum) at gkkofc7186@gmail.com or our Membership Committee at MembershipKofC7186@gmail.com

Calendar

Sunday Oct 14: 2nd Sunday Breakfast

Saturday Oct 13 - Sunday Oct 14: StMM Ministry Fair

Saturday Oct 20 - Sunday Oct 21: CPO "Feed A Family" Fall Food Drive

Saturday Oct 27: Apex Music Festival

Saturday Oct 27: Brookridge Assisted Living Resident Visit

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