



Connect With Us

Join Our Mailing List

Forward to a Friend



[Visit Our Church Website](#)

St. Mary Magdalene E-News April 26, 2019

A Note From Father Donald Staib

We have two marble statues in our lobby: one is St Mary Magdalene, our parish patron. The other is St Thomas the Apostle. Both of these Saints are witnesses to Jesus' Resurrection.

St. Thomas is holding a carpenters rule - he was a builder of churches in India and there is a tradition he also went to Sri Lanka. May all our prayers be with those who suffered from the terror last week. Bombing is not a message St Thomas would bring when he preached the Gospel.

And for ourselves we pray to insight and understanding as Thomas received directly from the Lord.

There is a 2nd collection this weekend for our Catholic Home Missions. Our diocese once received funds from this national collection, but we have grown so much that other places are more needful of these funds. It is our turn to be generous.

CONFESSIONS: At St Mary Magdalene there will be Confessions on Saturday April 27 at 10:30, after Baptisms. And also on Saturday May 4 at 10:30, after Baptisms.

Father Donald Staib

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 appropriate that on Divine Mercy Sunday all the readings call us to open our eyes and experience the many ways that God's mercy touches us. Not only are we to experience God's mercy but we have also received the mandate that God's mercy be shared with others through our actions. A simple sharing of the gift of peace with someone who is expressing doubt about God's love and mercy by your presence and words of reassurance is a great way to start.

From there take the time to learn of the great suffering that so many fellow Christians and others are enduring in war-torn areas. Think about all those who are fleeing violence in order to protect

their families. Meditate on how racism permeates our culture as a systemic problem. Contemplate the cry of Mother Earth as her resources are being consumed with abandon and other species are being decimated. We are the ones who must be and act mercifully. We will never have peace without mercy and justice for those who suffer and for suffering creation. --- Barbara Molinari Quinby, Director of Social Justice Ministries Holy Name of Jesus Cathedral

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)

Pictures of the Week



From Father Donald Staib - in 2011 I visited Sri Lanka for a few days. Like all countries it has a unique culture and history. A guide took me to visit this church on the way to the airport.





Easter Vigil - photos courtesy of Dick Leinbach



Parish Religious Education Program



New for 2019-20

"THE ROCK" (Reaching Out for Christ). A new youth group for 5th/6th grade. The ROCK will meet on Sundays from 12:00-1:15 pm right after 10:45 mass. It will have a similar flavor to our other relational ministry youth groups. There will be a Parent Meeting to discuss this new program on Sunday, May 5th from 12:00 - 1:00 pm in the Media Center in the School Building.

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.

Service Project Updates

We continue with donations of toilet paper to benefit the poor of Wake County in support of

Catholic Parish Outreach. All contributions can be left before or after Religious Education classes in the lobby of the Education Building. Please be as generous as your means will allow.
5th Grade Collection : April 28th, 30th & May 1st

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

First Eucharist Rehearsals

Thursday 5/9/19 for 5/11 & 5/12/19 Liturgies

Thursday 5/16/19 for 5/18 & 5/19/19 Liturgies

High School

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@kristofffs.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 LAST Date for the 2019 Parent Confirmation Workshops is as follows:
 May 2nd. All the workshops will be held at 7:30pm in Room #3 of the church*

"Prayers & Squares"

"Prayers & Squares" A prayer quilt group - We are literally covering people in prayer. A prayer quilt is a lap blanket with ties. A prayer is said with each knot that is tied. All quilts are blessed by Father Staib. To request a prayer quilt to be made for someone or if you are interested in sewing for this group or donating



fabric or would like to make contributions to this group, please contact Lorraine Morris at lc Morris0707@gmail.com

Divine Mercy Sunday



Next Sunday is Divine Mercy Sunday. Join the many across the world who have responded to the message of God's mercy and found hope, healing and answered prayers. The Feast of Mercy is a day when we should approach the Lord with great Faith and Trust. **Come to the StMM Chapel April 28th at 3pm.** There will be Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, prayers and Veneration of the Divine Mercy Image which represents the Risen Christ bringing mercy to the world. All are welcome, we hope you'll join us for 45 minutes packed with grace.

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 Thurs, 5/23 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.

Spring Festival



Friday, May 3, 3:00-7:00 pm Come join the fun on the Athletic Fields! Lots of inflatables, games, and more for children of all ages! Concessions available for purchase from the Knights of Columbus and school clubs. Admission \$10 per child in advance, \$12 at the door. Contact Anne Burge at anneburge143@gmail.com for more information or to purchase a wristband.

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 May 3rd. 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

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 May 3rd. No one is too young; all ages welcome! Please contact Megan Brinkley with any questions m.brinkley@hotmail.com

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 with questions and to learn about transportation options.

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.

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, May 20, 9:30 - 11:00am, in Church meeting room #1. For more information, please contact Miriam Moore, miriamdel79@yahoo.com, 919-387-8676 or Fran Hughes, gmomfran@gmail.com.



Knights 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.

Calendar of Events:

- **Saturday Apr 27th:** Brookridge Assisted Living Resident Visits in Apex (10:30am & 3:00pm), Sign-up <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0a4cacaf292-brookridge>
- **Friday May 3rd** - 2019 Spring Festival at StMM (3:00pm - 7:00pm)
- **Saturday May 4th** - Apex Peak Festival at Historic Downtown Apex (9:00am - 5:00pm)
- **Saturday May 11th** - Blood Drive at StMM
- **Tuesday May 28th:** Men's Homeless Shelter Meals, Signup (5:15pm-6:30pm)
- <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d4ea4ab2a1-mens>
- **Men's Rosary** - Every Thursday at 7pm in StMM Chapel - No experience necessary! Rosaries and prayer cards provided by StMM Knights of Columbus.
- **Rosary for Life** - Fourth Saturday of every month from 8:00 - 10:00AM at Drake Circle in Raleigh

For more information to becoming a Knight:

Visit our website: <http://kofc7186.org>

Please contact: Grand Knight (Tom Blum) at gkkofc7186@gmail.com or contact our Membership Committee at MembershipKofC7186@gmail.com

[SafeUnsubscribe™ {recipient's email}](#).

[Forward this email](#) | [Update Profile](#) | [About our service provider](#)

Sent by prewitt@stmm.net in collaboration with



Try it free today