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St. Mary Magdalene E-News November 22, 2019

A Note From Father Donald Staib

Thank you for your generosity to the collection last week for the Campaign for Human Development. We received \$4,798 which is very generous for a 2nd collection.

On Thanksgiving Day there will be Mass at 10 am. We are most grateful for all our Blessings and we continue to pray for God's help in our lives and we pray for our country that we continue to live in ways that honor all those who have made sacrifices in years past.

During October - November each year for the weekend Masses I often use different Eucharistic Prayers at Mass. I am not sure they are in the Missals people use. There are 4 of them and I rotate them from week to week. I did find them online under the words 'Eucharistic Prayers for Various Needs.'

Please keep in your prayers Judy Owens who died this past week. Judy was one of the original teachers in our school when it opened in 1999.

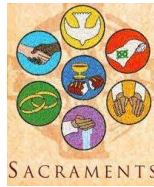
CONFESSIONS: There will be Confessions on Saturday November 23 at 10:30 am. There will not be Confessions on Saturday November 30. In next week's bulletin we will publish the schedule for Advent Penance Services in our area.

Father Donald Staib
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St. Mary Magdalene E-News

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

Pope Francis visit to Thailand and Japan, his 32nd Apostolic Journey.

During the flight from Rome to Bangkok, Pope Francis sent messages to the Heads of those States flown over along the route, praying for the peace and prosperity of their respective nations.

Pope Francis from Rome to Bangkok flew over thirteen countries. As is customary, the Pope sent a telegram expressing his greetings and invoking God's blessings on the people of those nations.

Departing from Italy, Pope Francis sent his first message to the Italian President in which he explained how this Apostolic journey to Asia reflects his "keen desire" to meet his brothers and sisters in the faith, "and the inhabitants of those noble nations".

Crossing the airspace of Croatia, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Serbia, and Montenegro, Pope Francis invoked blessings of joy and peace upon those nations. His message to Bulgaria recalled "with pleasure" his visit to that country last May.

Flying over Turkey, Iran, Afghanistan, Pakistan, India and Myanmar, the Pope sent messages assuring those countries of his prayers, while invoking Divine blessings of peace, prosperity and well-being.

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)

Money Matters

The Pharisee in the Gospel of October 27 gave to the Temple 10% of his income. The Tax collector in the November 3 Gospel gave $\frac{1}{2}$ of his possessions to the poor. How are we doing at St Mary Magdalene?

Our annual Financial Report [July 2018 thru June 2019] is published on our website. You can find it at under 'Welcome' and 'Parish Council'

http://www.stmm.church/Text_of_annual_report_2019_to_parish.pdf

Since July 1 2019 our Offertory is about \$10,000 per month short of our budget for 2019-2020. We know some folks choose to give once a year, toward the end of the year. We also hope the 212 new households we have since last January will help us reach our parish needs.

Here is a snapshot of giving patterns since January 2019:

20 families have given between \$6,000 and \$20,000

95 families have given between \$3,000 and \$5,999

459 families have given between \$1,000 and \$2,999

349 families have given between \$500 and \$999

474 families have given between \$100 and \$499

207 families have given less than \$100

433 families have no record of giving

[We have written to most of these 433 families to ask if they are still here and wish to continue to be members of StMM.]

We also have come to realize that some members who made a pledge to the new church will not be completing their pledge. This amounts to \$73,000.

We are so grateful to all who use the White Envelopes; we use these funds to pay our debt for the construction. Blessings to all who help our parish like the Pharisee and the Tax Collector in the Gospels.

If you would like to increase your electronic debit, complete the form at <http://www.stmm.church/giving/electronicoffertory.cfm> Choose the last option to change the amount.

Picture of the Week



Marriage of Mary Becker and Scott Christman
November 16th

Elementary Religious Ed

PREP & Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Calendar Reminders: Thanksgiving Holiday - No Class Sessions Sunday, November 24, 2019, Wednesday, November 27, 2019 and Sunday, December 1, 2019. Classes resume Wednesday, Dec. 4th. Wishing your families a Happy Thanksgiving.

First Reconciliation Dates for Religious Education Students are Tuesday, February 4th at 6:30pm & Wednesday, February 5th at 6:30pm. Parents do not attend. Sunday PREP Students will need to sign up for a Tuesday or Wednesday time if you have not done so at the Parent First Reconciliation Meeting. First Reconciliation Date for StMM School Students is Thursday, February 6th from 10:00 am-11:00 am during the regular school day. Parents do not attend.

Looking Ahead - Advent Begins December 1st. Our Annual Lobby Gathering Prayer will begin in December on days we have class sessions. Upon arrival to the lobby the students are to gather around our displayed Advent wreath & not proceed down to the classrooms. When our prayer is complete, catechists will walk their students to class. Dismissal procedures remain the same. Parents are welcome to stay & should stand around the perimeter of the lobby.

Christmas Holidays - All elementary programs are closed from Sunday, December 15th through Friday, January 3rd. All programs resume the week of January 6th.

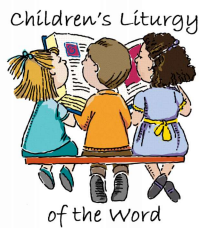
First Reconciliation Retreat is Saturday, February 1st for all students in Grade 2 & the Wednesday Evening Intermediate Sacrament Program from 8:30 am-12 noon.

2020 First Eucharist Dates May 9th/10th and May 16th/17th. First Eucharist is received at the 5pm/9am/10:45am on either weekend. Families pick their own date. They are not assigned. Parents will give us date at the March First Eucharist Parent meetings.



Rock Calendar:

Thanksgiving Holiday - No Class on Sunday, December 1



Children's Liturgy of the Word has begun and is held during the Sunday morning liturgies at 9:00 & 10:45 am. It mirrors the worship experience of the parish community in an engaging and interactive environment. Eligible participants are children 3 - 6 years old. This program is a co-op; dependent upon parishioner involvement. Volunteers must be Safe Environment Certified. If you'd like to assist with this ministry, please contact the Program Coordinator, Jennifer Jury at stmmclow@gmail.com.



Refresh - An Adult Program held during PREP. Apex is a great place to live, but the number one city for you is where you can build your village. Get to know those around you at Mass. Meet other StMM families. Have a cup of coffee. We're meant to live in community, to connect with others. If it takes a village, let's build one! Join us on Sundays at Noon in the Science Room on the second floor of the StMM School Building while your child is in PREP. Questions? Contact Nicole, nicolesebik@yahoo.com or Joe, jsebik@icloud.com.

Youth Ministry

STMM YM schedule for Sunday 11/24 is as follows:

EDGE 4:30pm-5:45pm in the gym

Apostello 4:30pm-5:45pm in the media center

Youth Mass at 6pm in the church (open to all ages!!!)

The Way 7:15pm-8:30pm starting in the church

We are excited to invite all STMM parishioners, families, and friends to a special night celebrating the beautiful season of Advent.

When & Where: Sunday, December 15th. 7:15pm-8:30pm in the church

Special guest speaker MARY BIELSKI

Music by our own praise and worship group, "Rooted"

Haiti House Building: We have begun our fund raising for another house to be built in Haiti! If you'd like to see a picture of the house that St. Mary Magdalene built through the generous donations of our parish community, please go to this link to see the house and learn about the family who now calls it their home:

<https://www.haitimissioninc.com/hmi-houses-147-current>

(our home is #151)

Thank you to everyone who contributed to this cause last year. We will begin collecting again this Sunday at our different programs to build more houses this year. If you'd like to help us with this effort, please go to this link to donate online via the STMM payment online system:

<https://secure.accessacs.com/access/oglogin.aspx?sn=102397&f>

Use the drop down button "Select a fund" and select "House in Haiti" so we can make sure it goes to the right account. For every \$3,750.00 we fund raise, Haiti Mission Inc will match it and a house gets

built for a family in Jeremie, Haiti!!! If you do not want to donate online, please mail in a check to the parish office with "House in Haiti" in the Memo Line to STMM, 625 Magdala Place, Apex, NC 27502

If you have a teen who:

- attends Catholic HS
- currently in 10th/11th/12th grade
- does not participate in The Way youth group at STMM
- would like to receive the sacrament of Confirmation in May 2020 at STMM

Please go to this link to register your teen for Confirmation 2020 preparation at STMM. They must have attended Catholic HS for their previous school year to enroll & your family must be a STMM registered parishioner. There will be 5 sessions held during the 2nd semester of this school year on Sundays, dates TBA The instructions and link to use the online registration are on the right side of this page: <http://www.stmm.church/religious-ed/highschool.cfm>

Registration has now closed for all STMM YM programs
Please contact Janine or Liz directly if you missed our registration period.
Janine McGann can be reached at janine.mcgann@gmail.com
Liz Sams can be reached at liz.sams@gmail.com

"Living in the Power of the Holy Spirit"

"Living in the Power of the Holy Spirit" - Are you interested in experiencing more fully, the power of the Holy Spirit? Did you miss the one day workshop offered a couple of weeks ago? The Friday Morning Men's Fellowship and Faith Formation group will be offering similar content over a four week period. Men in the parish are welcome to join us from 6:15-7:30AM starting on November 15th in the church building. These sessions are about renewing our Christian faith through the power of the Holy Spirit. It is about seeking a new intimacy with Jesus and the fullness of the Holy Spirit, so that we can be and bring God's presence to the people and circumstances of our lives. If you have never said yes to Jesus' offer to have a relationship with you, this is an opportunity to do so, as well as seek to experience the fullness of his Holy Spirit. If you have said yes to Jesus' offer to have a relationship with him, but that relationship has grown distant, this is an opportunity to renew that relationship and also seek to experience the fullness of the Holy Spirit. Please contact Art Klaum (at artklaum61@gmail.com) or Paul Mastropolo (at pmastropolo@gmail.com) if you would like more details or have any questions.

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Helping Hand



In partnership with **Western Wake Crisis Ministry (WWCM)**, St. Mary Magdalene is sponsoring Thanksgiving Baskets again this year. On November 9/10 and 16/17, **the Helping Hands Ministry** will have tables in the church narthex with information on out what WWCM needs to collect to provide Thanksgiving meals to over 235 local families. Provide part of a meal, money for a turkey or all of the items - anything will help us help others have a meaningful Thanksgiving. Items should be dropped off after Masses on the weekends of November 23/24. All contributions will be due to later than 11:15 on Sunday, November 24.

Advent Parish Mission

The poster for the STMM Parish Advent Mission features a top section with the word 'hope' in a large, cursive font, followed by 'was born this night.....' in a smaller, sans-serif font. To the right of the text is a sprig of holly with red berries. The main body of the poster has a dark green background with a pine needle pattern. It contains the title 'STMM Parish Advent Mission' in a bold, white, sans-serif font, followed by a quote from Romans 15:13 in a smaller, white, sans-serif font. Below this, the details of the mission are listed in a white, sans-serif font: 'What: Advent parish mission with special guest, nationally known Catholic speaker, Mary Bielski', 'Who: EVERYONE!!', 'When: Sunday, December 15th from 7:15 pm - 8:30 pm', and 'Where: STMM church'. A small inset photo of Mary Bielski, a woman with long red hair, is positioned on the right side of the poster.

hope
was born this night.....

STMM Parish Advent Mission

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. Romans 15:13

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from 7:15 pm - 8:30 pm

Where: STMM church

A small inset photo of Mary Bielski, a woman with long red hair, sitting on a couch.

Pictures with Santa

GET YOUR PICTURE WITH SANTA

and Help Raise Money for Haiti!

- Sunday, Dec. 8th
- St. Mary Magdelene Church Lobby
- 10:00 AM - 1 PM



STMM
the way

Help our Youth Ministry raise money to build homes in Haiti.

Minimum \$5 Donation. You will receive a digital print of your child with Santa. Candy canes and sugar cookies provided!

Knights of Columbus Blood Drive

THE BLOOD CONNECTION

BLOOD DRIVE

Knights of Columbus- Apex

725 Magdala Place, Apex NC 27502

Thursday, December 5th

1:00pm – 6:00pm

As a Thank You, each donor will receive a \$10 Visa Gift Card!!!

Sign Up Today!!!



TBC DONOR CARD OR PHOTO ID REQUIRED.

Scan to make an appointment!



or visit
donate.thebloodconnection.org



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Link for appointments

https://donate.thebloodconnection.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/137096

Discipleship Quads

Introducing a new convenient, small-group, opportunity for STMM adult parishioners - Discipleship Quads!! Quads are based on a model that has over thirty years of success. It is gender-specific and free. Start any time. Your journey with the Discipleship Quad will deepen your faith and equip you with the tools you need to help rebuild our Church at a time when we desperately need disciples. To inquire, contact Laura Werner at steubenvillemissionNC@gmail.com or go to <https://steubenvilleconferences.com/discipleship-quads/>.

Power and Purpose Conference

POWER AND PURPOSE/HOLY SPIRIT CONFERENCE JUNE 5-7, 2020. Will you join us next June? Travel to beautiful Franciscan University in Steubenville, OH with fellow StMM parishioners to learn more about the Holy Spirit and what He can do in your life. Discover a purpose for your life and experience the true freedom and healing He wants to offer you. **Contact Joe or Laura Werner** wernerjoe@aol.com steubenvillemissionNC@gmail.com. Bus travel optional. Please use this link to register: <http://bit.ly/LauraWernerPPC20>

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, December 16, 11am - 1pm, in Church meeting room #1. For more information, please contact Miriam Moore, miriamdel79@yahoo.com, 919-387-8676 or Fran Hughes, gmomfran@gmail.com.

First Friday Adoration



First Friday Adoration will be on Friday December 6. All are encouraged to pay a visit to the chapel throughout the day and spend some time in prayer. However, it is essential that there are people that are scheduled to be there each hour between 8:30AM and 7:00PM. Can you help by committing to 1 hour a month to spend with our Lord? Please contact Anita Becker at ALANITABECKER@AOL.COM or 919-280-8931 if interested.

Parish Athletics

PARISH ATHLETICS

www.ParishAthleticsNC.org

Winter Basketball (Apex)

Grades: Coed, Pre-K (4 year-olds) to 6th.

Dates: November - February.

Location: StMM Gym in Apex.

Cost: Pre-K & K, \$60; 1st & 2nd Grade, \$65; 3rd - 6th Grades, \$70; (includes medal, shirt, and picnic).

Format: Pre-K & K have practices/games on Saturdays; 1st - 6th Grades have week night practices and weekend games.

Spring Soccer (Apex-Cary)

Grades: Coed, Pre-K (3 year-olds) to 8th.

Dates: March - May.

Practice Locations: Apex or Cary, you pick.

Game Locations: Apex & Cary.

Cost: Pre-K - \$60; K - 8th grade - \$65; (includes medal, shirt, and picnic).

Note: Pre-K players have a combined practice/game on Saturdays. K - 8th graders have one weekday practice per week and weekend games.

Spring T-Ball and Machine Pitch Baseball (Apex)

Grades: Coed, Pre-K (4 year-olds) to 4th.

Dates: April - June.

Practice Locations: Apex only.

Cost: \$65 (includes medal, shirt, and end of year picnic).

Note: Pre-K players have a combined practice/game on Saturdays. K-4th grade will have one weekday practice and a game on Saturday.

Spring Softcrosse (Apex)

Grades: Coed, K thru 5th.

Dates: April - June (6 weeks).

Days/Times: Sunday afternoons.

Location: Apex.

Cost: \$65 (includes medal and end of year picnic).

Equipment needed: Stick and mouth guard.

