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### St. Mary Magdalene E-News November 1, 2019

#### A Note From Father Donald Staib

Recent Gospels in St Luke have been about our money and possessions. All parishes have to deal with this topic. Please note in another part of the bulletin and in our e-news how we at St. Mary Magdalene use our resources. We ask all to consider whether it is time to increase our giving.

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.'

This week is National Vocations Awareness Week. We pray for our seminarians and we pray for priests everywhere. May the Lord bless us with priests and with dedicated pastoral workers.

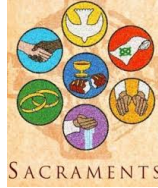
**CONFESSIONS:** There will be Confessions this Saturday, November 2 at 10:30, after Baptisms and on Saturday November 9 at 10:30.

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

Here is a major theme of St Luke's Gospel: the right use of wealth. Here are some examples: Prodigal Son, Rich Man and Lazarus, Dishonest Steward. The story of Zacchaeus today is about Jesus' interaction with a wealthy chief tax collector.

Jesus does not tell him to sell all his possessions and give to the poor. That commandment is reserved for only one person, the young man whose sole love of possessions prevented him from following Jesus.

No, Zacchaeus does not receive that command. This story is about how we use our money, resources, and possessions. Do we share?

## 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](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.

## Elementary Religious Ed



**CPO Donations:** Grade 1 Program Families please note your dates for toilet paper donations are November 10<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup>.

**PREP Calendar Reminders:** Thanksgiving Holiday - No Class Sessions Sunday, November 24, Wednesday, November 27 and Sunday, December 1. Classes resume Wednesday, December 4<sup>th</sup>.

**Attention First Sacrament Families** of children in Grade 2 PREP/Wednesday Intermediate Sacrament Students/StMM School Grade 2 Families/Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Students-2nd year of Level II

**First Reconciliation Parent Meetings** are set. Please attend one of the following:

- Monday, November 18<sup>th</sup> in Church Room 3 - 10:30-11:30 am
- Monday, November 18<sup>th</sup> in Church Room 3 - 7:00-8:00 pm
- Tuesday, November 19<sup>th</sup> in Church Room 3 - 10:30 - 11:30 am
- Tuesday, November 19<sup>th</sup> in Church Room 3 - 7:00 - 8:00 pm

One parent is required to attend one of these meetings. If you attended in 2018 -2019 or 2017-2018 you do not have to attend the meeting. You are, however, responsible for picking up meeting materials in the Parish Office the week of 11/18/19.

Contact Suzanne - [will@stmm.net](mailto:will@stmm.net) with your questions.

**First Reconciliation Dates for Religious Education Students** are

Tuesday, February 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm & Wednesday, February 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm. Parents do not attend. Sunday PREP Students will need to sign up for a Tuesday or Wednesday time. Sign Up will take place at the November Parent Meetings. First Reconciliation Date for StMM School Students is Thursday, February 6<sup>th</sup> from 10am-11am. Parents do not attend.

**Looking Ahead** - Advent Begins December 1<sup>st</sup>. Our Annual Lobby Gathering Prayer will begin this week 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 15<sup>th</sup> through Friday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>. All programs resume the week of January 6<sup>th</sup>.

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

**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 parent meetings.



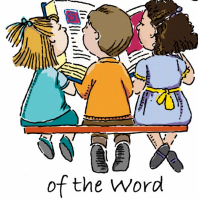
### **Rock Calendar:**

Thanksgiving Holiday - No Class on Sunday, December 1

### **ROCK Core Team Needed**

Due to the overwhelming response of our new program, the ROCK (Reaching Out for Christ), we are in need of additional volunteer Core Team Leaders to journey with our 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Graders. The commitment is every other weekend and the plans are provided to you in advance. Please contact Suzanne [will@stmm.net](mailto:will@stmm.net) or Janine [Janine.mcgann@gmail.com](mailto:Janine.mcgann@gmail.com) to learn more about this exciting opportunity.

### Children's Liturgy



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](mailto: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](mailto:nicolesebik@yahoo.com) or Joe, [jsebik@icloud.com](mailto:jsebik@icloud.com).

## Youth Ministry

STMM YM schedule for Sunday 11/3 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

All teens in The Way must sign in every Sunday at the table in the lobby of the church

The STMM YM Calendar for the 2019-2020 school year can be found at this link on the right side of the page:

<http://www.stmm.church/religious-ed/highschool.cfm>

**Haiti House Building:** We were so excited to host Fr. Joe from Haiti a couple of weeks ago & to learn more about his church and school community in Jeremie. 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: (our home is #151)

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

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>

**HS Girls Retreat "Speaking to Sparrows"** registration is now open. There are 2 spots left open!!! Form is available on the church website at this link: <http://www.stmm.church/religious-ed/highschool.cfm> This retreat is open to girls in 9th-12th grade and will be held Friday, November 8th to Sunday November 10th in New Hill, NC. Cost is \$75.00 per girl. It is an amazing opportunity for girls to create community, build up sisterhood, spend the weekend in her pajamas/soft clothes and get away from the everyday stresses of high school life. Girls from any church/denomination can attend this retreat!! Spots are limited to 20 girls and at this time are not open to girls who have already attended in past years. If we don't fill the 20 spots, we'll open it up to returners!

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](mailto:janine.mcgann@gmail.com)  
Liz Sams can be reached at [liz.sams@gmail.com](mailto:liz.sams@gmail.com)

## ASP - Appalachia Service Project



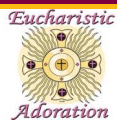
**STMM's Appalachia Service Project (ASP) is starting up and accepting applications** for the 2020 mission trip being held on July 12-18! All applications are due by November 17. If you are new to the process and want to know more before signing up your high schooler (or yourself), visit us at our **information meeting** coming up on Tuesday, November 5, 7pm-8:30pm in the Media Center. We will go through what the mission trip looks like, what we do, and all of your other burning questions! If you have any questions right now, please contact Taylor Wray at [stmmaspp@gmail.com](mailto:stmmaspp@gmail.com)

## RCIA



Are you interested in becoming Catholic? Are you Catholic but not confirmed? We can help! The RCIA process at StMM assisted 8 adults in completing their sacraments of initiation at the 2019 Easter Vigil. Our next session will be Monday, October 28, 2019 at 7:30 PM in Room #4 of the church building. It's not too late to join the discussions. Please contact Scott and Kathy Strednak at [rcia@stmm.net](mailto:rcia@stmm.net) if you missed the inquiry sessions.

## First Friday Adoration



**First Friday Adoration** will be on Friday November 1. 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 6:30PM. Can you help by committing to 1 hour a month to spend with our Lord? Please contact Anita Becker at [ALANITABECKER@AOL.COM](mailto:ALANITABECKER@AOL.COM) or 919-280-8931 if interested.

## 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 16/17 and November 23/24. All contributions will be due to later than 11:15 on Sunday, November 24.

## Talk Saves Lives Presentation

**Talk Saves Lives Presentation (November 14th at 7 and 8:15 pm in the STMM Media Center)**. Provided by the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, this one-hour awareness program presents the basics of what everyone needs to know about suicide: who is at risk, the warning signs & what you can do in a crisis. Two identical sessions will be held to accommodate your schedules. This presentation is for ages 15 and higher only. For questions, contact Mike Rota at [mikerota2018@gmail.com](mailto:mikerota2018@gmail.com)

## Chrysalis



**Chrysalis Announcement**-Want to enrich your marriage and join in fellowship with other married couples? Come and join the Chrysalis Ministry for our next meeting on November 17th, 2019 11:45 am-1:15 pm! Open to all married couples, Chrysalis provides its members with the opportunity to celebrate their marriage with other couples spiritually and socially. Check out our website for more information, meeting schedule, a sneak peek at our video series, and RSVP to attend! [sites.google.com/view/stmmchrysalis](https://sites.google.com/view/stmmchrysalis)

### Volunteer Request

Volunteers needed for childcare during once-monthly Chrysalis Ministry meetings. Open to C-Level Certified Adults and responsible high school and middle school students (11 years old+). Time commitment is two hours (11:30 am-1:30 pm) one Sunday per month. Responsibilities include:

- Maintaining a safe environment for children 1-4 years old and 5-10 years old
- Supervising play and engaging with children during meetings
- Facilitating a group activity with children

The next Chrysalis meeting is scheduled for November 17th, 2019, and we are in need of childcare volunteers. Please RSVP to volunteer by visiting our website [sites.google.com/view/stmmchrysalis](https://sites.google.com/view/stmmchrysalis) . Service hours are available for high school and middle school students!

## Free Financial Peace Live

**Free Financial Peace Live!** All parishioners are invited to attend a free live screening of Financial Peace Live! on Wednesday, November 20th in Room 3 of the Church from 6:45 pm to 9:15 pm. Financial Peace Live will cover the 7 Baby Steps to living a christian centered financial lifestyle which will bring you, your family, and your marriage PEACE. Dave Ramsey has been helping people follow God's financial plan for them for more than 30 years. Snacks and refreshments will be provided by the Chrysalis marriage enrichment ministry. Please register to attend here: [www.fpu.com/1104560](http://www.fpu.com/1104560) and view a brief promotional video for the event here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tUOIcMYnEO4>

## 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](mailto:steubenvillemissionNC@gmail.com) or go to <https://steubenvilleconferences.com/discipleship-quads/>.

## 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 18, 9:30 - 11:00 AM, in Church meeting room #1. 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).

## "Prayers & Squares"



"Prayers & Squares" - *A prayer quilt group.* If you are interested in sewing for the Prayers & Squares group please join us for a meeting on Sunday, November 3 @ 1:00. We will be meeting in room 4 in the church building. For more information, please contact Lorraine Morris at [lcmorris0707@gmail.com](mailto:lcmorris0707@gmail.com)

## Family Rosary



The month of October each year is dedicated to the Most Holy Rosary because the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary is celebrated on October 7.

Pray the Rosary On Thursday nights at 7:00 in the Chapel. Rosaries and prayer guides are available. Everyone and all ages are welcome to come. No experience necessary.

Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus.

Contact Joe Sebik ([Jsebik@icloud.com](mailto:Jsebik@icloud.com)) for more information, if you want to help lead the Rosary, have prayer intentions, or with questions.

## Knights Corner

*Calling all Catholic Men to the Knights of Columbus  
"A Catholic Fraternal Service Organization"*



**Events:** The next parish breakfast will be Sunday November 10th after 9am mass. Plan to attend and show your appreciation for veterans and active duty military (and families), who will eat free!

Our local St. Mary Magdalene council 7186 remains one of the most vibrant and engaged organizations within our community. Did you know your local Knights of Columbus support; weekly rosary on Thursday night in the Chapel for the entire family, Friday morning Men's Bible Study, Catholic Parish Outreach (CPO), Respect Life, Brookridge Assisted Living Resident Visits, Financial support for our Church and School. Consider joining our local council by contacting Dan Cantrell, Grand Knight.

Online membership program at: <http://kofc.org/un/joinus/en/index.html>

KofC 7186 council calendar of events: <https://kofc7186.org/calendar>

## Parish Athletics



# PARISH ATHLETICS

[www.ParishAthleticsNC.org](http://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 4<sup>th</sup>.

**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-4<sup>th</sup> grade will have one weekday practice and a game on Saturday.

## Spring Softcrosse (Apex)

**Grades:** Coed, K thru 5<sup>th</sup>.

**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.

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