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February 19, 2021

A Note from Fr. Chris

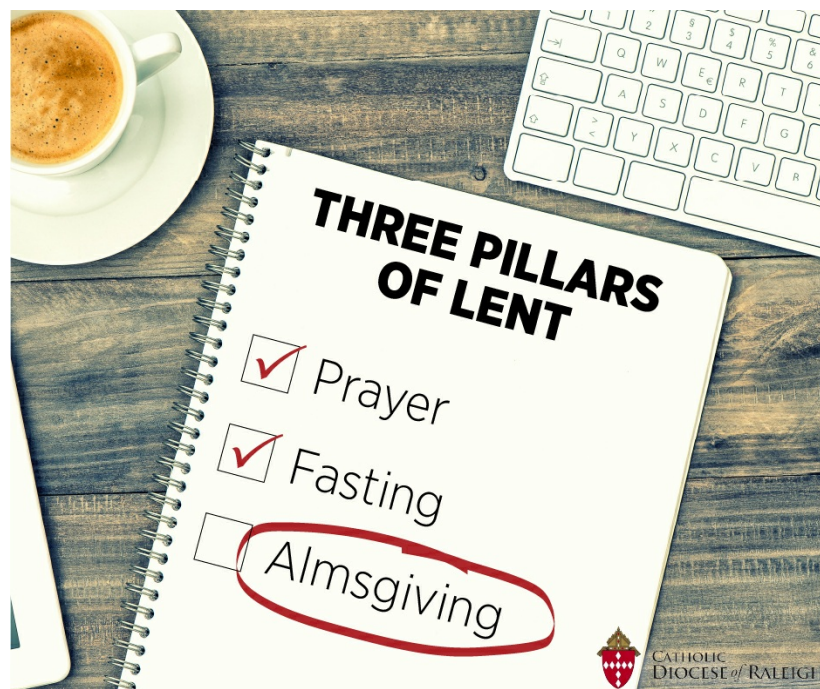
"Repent and believe in the gospel", these words follow us from Ash Wednesday to this Sunday's readings. Repent, change. Believe, true in our hearts. Gospel, the good news.

The invitation to enter into our hearts being ready for the good news of salvation is the core benefit of our Lenten journey. Finding our unique purpose of love in our world and in our life.

Thank you to the families that have contributed to the Bishop's Annual Appeal. We need everyone to join us in supporting the effort. [Click on the link](#) and give today.

With gratitude,

Fr. Chris



Giving Portal

Upcoming Events

February 19 - KofC Fish Fry Pre-order/Takeout only event
February 19 - Stations of the Cross 7pm Church and [live streamed](#)
February 19 - Confessions 7-8pm
February 20 - Confessions 10:30am
February 20 - 5pm Mass
February 21 - 9am & 11am Mass
February 21 - Apostello & the Way
February 21 - Youth Mass 6pm
February 22 - Daily Mass 9am
February 22 - Family Rosary 6:30pm Chapel
February 24 - Daily Mass 9am
February 24 - First Communion Parent Meetings 10:30am & 7pm in Chapel
February 25 - Daily Mass 9am
February 25 - First Communion Parent Meetings 10:30am & 7pm in Chapel
February 25 - EDGE 6:30pm
February 25 - Youth Ministry Parent Workshop 6:45pm Gym
February 25 - Virtual night of discovery & fellowship 7pm
February 26 - Daily Mass 9am
February 26 - Stations of the Cross 7pm Church and [live streamed](#)

Mass This Weekend

Click [HERE](#) to Live Stream our 9am Mass

Please remember to subscribe to our channel STMM Church Live to receive reminders when events are added and go live.

Music for this week's Mass

Gathering: Led By the Spirit	#125
Psalm 25: To you, O God, I lift up my soul. Lift up my spirit to my Lord. To you, I lift up my soul.	
Preparation: We Belong to You	#633
Communion: On Eagle's Wings	#436
Communion: Turn to Me	#650
Communion: Come, Follow Me	#503
Sending Forth: Blest Be the Lord	#430

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Outdoor Communion Procedures after 9am Sunday Mass only

1. There will be three stations available outside for communion following the 9:00 am Mass;

- one on the piazza in front of the church and two in the drive thru at the portico for those at-risk and those receiving gluten free hosts.
2. Ushers will be available with hand sanitizer and face masks are required.

Lent



We have booklets from the Word Among Us for Lent on the tables in the Narthex. Please help yourself.

Catholic Relief Services (CRS) Rice Bowls are also available in the Narthex. You can find more information about this project at <https://www.crsricebowl.org> Please return your Rice Bowls by Easter and convert money collected to a check.

Stations of the Cross will be every Friday during lent at 7pm in the church and [live streamed](#) on our YouTube channel.

Confession will also be offered every Friday during lent from 7-8pm.

2020 Tax Statements



Tax statements are available online. Please follow the directions for printing your statement on our website. For questions, email prewitt@stmm.net, or 919-657-4800 x7281.

http://www.stmm.church/Tax_statement_instructions_2020.pdf

Are you now donating online and do not want to receive church envelopes? If so, please email the parish office at info@stmm.net to stop the envelopes.

Brick Orders



COMMEMORATIVE BRICKS line the walkway to our Activities Building. Commemorate a First Communion, a Graduation or remember a loved one with an engraved brick. The deadline for the Spring brick order is **March 27th**. The cost is \$100 per brick. Order forms are located in the parish office or http://www.stmm.church/Brick_Order_Form.pdf

Sacraments



BAPTISMS - See the Guidelines on the Website - then email the Church Office, info@stmm.net. First time parents must attend a baptism class [a good time is during the 9 months prior to birth.] Please contact the Parish Office to schedule.

CONFESSIONS - Confessions are usually, but not every week, at 10:30am on Saturdays in the Church. See "Upcoming Events" section for schedule.

WEDDINGS - See the Guidelines on the Website - then email weddings@stmm.net

Virtual Night of Discovery and Fellowship

Are you a newer member of our parish or someone who is looking for community during COVID? We want to virtually meet you!! Join us for a night of discovery and fellowship via ZOOM as we learn more about who Jesus is. Jesus asks his Apostles in Matthew 16, "Who do you say that I am?" This is an important question for each one of us to answer as He asks this same question of us today. We will watch, reflect, and discuss the first segment of Fr. Dave Pivonka's video series *Metanoia: A Journey with Christ into Conversion*. Fr. Dave is a well-known and popular Catholic speaker and currently the president of Franciscan University of Steubenville. All are welcome. Please join us on **Thursday February 25 from 7-8:15pm. FREE.**

Contact jackie.centamore@yahoo.com to sign up and receive the Zoom link. If you enjoy this one event, please consider joining our four-week, virtual Lenten study to follow.

First Friday Adoration



First Friday Adoration will be in the church on Friday March 5th from 10am - 7pm. All are encouraged to pay a visit to the church throughout the day and spend some time in prayer. 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.

Please wear a mask and socially distance.

Dynamic Catholic Corner

Dynamic Catholic Corner:

Dynamic Catholic's mission is to re-energize the Catholic Church in America by developing world-class resources that inspire people to rediscover the genius of Catholicism.

Feed Your Soul with Prayer this Lent!

Nothing will transform your life so completely, absolutely, and forever like really learning how to pray. That's why this year's BEST LENT EVER journeys through Matthew Kelly's latest book,

I Heard God Laugh

A Practical Guide to Life's Essential Daily Habit. Beginning on Ash Wednesday and continuing through all forty days of Lent, you will receive a daily email with a short video to help you reconnect with yourself and your God. If you choose to throw yourself into this experience, we promise you that you will be surprised by what God can do in your life with just an email, a short video and an open heart. So this year, don't just sign up for [BEST LENT EVER](#), have your best lent ever! Pickup a copy of **I Heard God Laugh** and a BEST LENT EVER journal to prepare for your Lenten journey. There will be a limited supply of BEST LENT EVER journals available at Ash Wednesday Mass in the Narthex.

If you are currently an Ambassador or would like to learn more, send an email to stmm.dynamic.catholic@gmail.com.

Be Bold. Be Catholic.

RCIA



Are you interested in becoming Catholic? Are you Catholic but not confirmed? The next module of the RCIA process at STMM is starting on February 1, 2021. Now is a great time to start. Will you join us? Let's have a conversation. Please contact Kathy and Scott Strednak at rcia@stmm.me and we can help you start the process. Be assured by Christ's very own words: *"Ask and you shall receive, seek and you shall find, knock and the door will be opened to you".*

Elementary Faith Formation



Gather Virtual Families - February packets are available for pick up beneath the portico (drive thru side entrance of the church) anytime 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, for your convenience. Teaching videos on this month's topic of Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving were recorded and were emailed home in the 2/5/21 Gather newsletter.

First Reconciliation - Congratulations to all our children who made their First Reconciliation and a special thanks to all the Parents and Volunteers who have worked diligently to prepare them for this sacrament. Please keep them and their families in your prayers as they prepare for First Eucharist.

First Eucharist Parent Meetings - One parent attends one of these meetings (without children). We will meet in the chapel, wearing face masks, sitting socially distanced, and review everything required for preparation of the sacrament of First Eucharist.

- Wednesday, February 24, 2021 - 10:30 am or 7:00 pm in the Chapel
- Thursday, February 25 - 10:30 am or 7:00 pm in the Chapel

Questions: Please contact Suzanne Will at will@stmm.net or 919-657-4800 x7820

Youth Ministry News



EDGE News

Please contact Janine McGann with any questions at janine.mcgann@gmail.com

StMM High School Youth Ministry

StMM YM schedule for 2/21/21

Apostello 4:30-5:45pm

Youth mass 6pm

The Way 7:15-8:30pm

Please contact Liz Sams at liz.sams@gmail.com with questions.

FROM SIPPY CUPS TO SEX:

CANDID CONVERSATIONS ON HOW TO LOVE AND LEAD YOUR CHILDREN THROUGH LIFE'S MOST CHALLENGING TRANSITIONS

Be a part of the conversation. Join us.

Part 1

Feb. 25 OR 28 (same workshop both nights)

Part 2

March 25 OR 28 (same workshop both nights)

6:45pm - 7:45pm in the GYM

Please join us for a two part conversation on raising kids in today's technology, how to have "the sex talk" at all ages, and navigating today's pornographic culture. We hope you'll join us. Space is limited. Questions? Please email Janine at janine.mcgann@gmail.com

Signup at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c084ca9aa2ca5f85-from>

StMM School News

Considering a Catholic education for your child? Though many of our grades have a waitlist for the 2021-22 school year, we do have limited space available in grades 5, 7 and 8. We also have a few spots left in our half-day, morning 3 year old preschool and half-day, afternoon 4 year old preschool. [Click here to apply.](#) Schedule a virtual tour of our school by [clicking here.](#)

Save the Date: Knights of Columbus Fish Fry

Fish Fry Alert!



KofC Annual Lent Fish Fry- Takeout Only-

Fri, February 19th, March 5th, and March 19th at St. Mary Magdalene. Pre-order online at www.lentfishfry.com. Although we will not be able to gather together, the Knights will continue our great tradition this Lent with a Pre-order/Takeout only event. Enjoy a great meal while supporting many worthy community causes championed by the Knights of Columbus.

Parishioner Assistance Ministry

We are one BIG STMM Family- Can you help? Do you need help?

Now feels like the right time to 'reboot' the Parishioner Assistance Ministry. Its true purpose is to help our brothers and sisters in need while building our STMM community. We are all members of a large STMM church family! When a family member needs help, we need to be there. And when **you** are in need, we - your church family will be there for you.

How can we do this? We will do this by creating and managing a database of family members willing and able to help. Via a simple and confidential request to this ministry, we would arrange and provide assistance, free of charge - to help those in a time of need. All of us have a talent or two. What is your talent? We need it all. Electricians, roof repair, counselling, financial guidance, legal advice, lawn cutting, minor car repair questions, driving help, a meal for someone in need, child care, elder care, a meal.....anything...

1. Please consider offering your time and sharing your talent. 1-2 hours is all we will ever ask for. Will your help be needed now or anytime soon? Maybe or maybe not. But your fellow family members will be happy to know that if needed, help will be there.

2. When **YOU** find yourself in a time of need, **PLEASE** know your STMM family is here. Please reach out to us, and we'll find a way to help. **This includes help to 'keep the lights on' during a difficult time.** Don't go through your tough times alone. Lean on your STMM family.

Please consider joining us in this ministry as we help those in need and continue to build and strengthen our STMM community!

Proverbs 3:27 'Do not withhold good from those to whom it is due, when it is in your power to act'. You have the power to act. You have the power to help those in need."

Contact: Kathy Lynch kcclynch@yahoo.com 919-210-2709 or Dan Moskey dmoskey12@gmail.com 919-986-8613

Altar Flower Donations



Take this opportunity to consider donating flowers to St. Mary Magdalene to beautify the altar and church for weekly Mass to honor our Lord. These flowers will be donated in honor of or in memory of your loved one.

[Click here](#) and take the easy steps to choose partial or full donation and send payment before your donation date. Your donation will be acknowledged in the bulletin. For questions, please contact floralministry@stmm.net.

Knights of Columbus Operation Feed Thy Neighbor

Our StMM Knights of Columbus Council #7186 continues to partner with Wake County Human Services and several other local churches in the area to serve desperately needed meals & non-perishable goods to those in need in the Apex area during the COVID-19 crisis.

As we are continuing these efforts until the threat of the pandemic subsides, we kindly ask for your continued support of our efforts through prayer, [financial donations](#), or [contributing to our non-perishable goods collection](#). Please contact Bob Callaway at bob.callaway@gmail.com if you have any questions.

StMM Softball Team

We are seeking parishioners age 17+ to join us for the STMM softball team. Games start in late March/early April and are played on Fridays and Sundays.

If interested, please contact Bobby Rowe (stmmmapexsoftball@gmail.com). Sign-up is available through the Apex Parks and Recreation website. COVID regulations will be in place. Cost to play will be based on the number of teammates but should be approximately \$50.

Career Network Ministry

Feb 27, 2021, 9:00 AM - 10:15 AM Vaccinate Your Career: How to Land & Crush Your Dream Job.

Searching for a new job and competing for a promotion have one thing in common - they're not easy. If you're looking to change jobs, switch careers, or simply expedite your climb up the corporate ladder it helps to understand the process behind the process. In this session, Tim Toterhi offers an inside look at how HR and managers make decisions on everything from hiring and promotions to doling out special projects and career-advancing assignments. Whether you're a fresh graduate or an experienced professional, this session will offer easily applied actions to help you achieve your career aspirations.

<https://www.linkedin.com/events/vaccinateyourcareer-howtoland-c6767862892755861504/>

Adult Faith Formation Opportunities

ADULT FAITH FORMATION OPTIONS: STMM offers a wide variety of adult faith formation options, and some are continuing to meet virtually during the pandemic. Prayerfully consider how you can grow deeper in your faith and download our brochure of options by [clicking here](#).

For more information and for the point of contact for each ministry, please see the website: [Ministry Contacts](#)

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