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### **St. Mary Magdalene E-News**

**April 17, 2020**

### **A Note From Father Donald Staib**

This is the 4th week of our distant Mass, or Mass by live stream. We pray for all affected by the virus: those who are sick, their families and friends, the medical people who care for them - and people who are not employed, and those confined to home. We older folks have no memory of such a pandemic; our children will have an experience to tell their children and grandchildren.

Today's Gospel is about St Thomas who did not understand what the other disciples told him. I have always been grateful to St Thomas; he had doubts about his world, and so do we. Included in this e-news is a picture of St Thomas the Apostle in our lobby.

It has been a few weeks since I mentioned the results of our 2020 Bishop's Annual Appeal. Since then I know the Diocese sent a reminder letter to members of the parish. This week I saw the current status of our parish BAA -- our goal is \$191,506.66 and we have received pledges of \$256,387. We are \$64,881 over goal and these funds will come back to the parish at the end of the year. Your support of our Diocese is outstanding this year.

We have been advised not to have Confessions during this time. Also, we must wait until we know how to proceed with Baptisms, First Communions, our RCIA group, and Confirmations. I know this is a cliché we say too easily - you are often in my thoughts and prayers.

Father Donald Staib  
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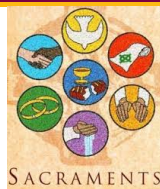
# Our 10:45am Mass is Live Streamed!

Click [HERE](#) to Live Stream our 10:45am Mass

## Music for this week's Mass 4/19/20

Gathering: Jesus is Risen	#182
Psalm 118: This is the Day (Scott Soper)	#803
Preparation: God of Mercy	#521
Communion: I am the Bread of Life/Come and Follow Me	#362
Sending Forth: Alleluia! Love is Alive:	#164

## 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

Gospel of St. John 11:16

Then Thomas (also known as Didymus) said to the rest of the disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him."

Gospel of St John 14:5-6

Thomas said to him, "Lord, we don't know where you are going, so how can we know the way?" Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

From the Gospel of St. Thomas

Jesus said, "Recognize what is in your sight, and that which is hidden from you will become plain to you. For there is nothing hidden which will not become manifest."

## Financial Matters

**OUR NEW CHURCH** - We have the obligation to make large monthly payments for 13 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.

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For questions, email [prewitt@stmm.net](mailto:prewitt@stmm.net), or 919-657-4800 x7281.

### Pictures of the Week



Our St. Thomas the Apostle



Look who wants to buy a niche in our columbarium

## Parish Office

The Parish Staff is working remotely from home. We have access to email and will be responding during normal business hours.

The Church campus and offices remain closed indefinitely.

Click [here](#) for online spiritual resources.

## Commemorative Brick Order

BUY A BRICK  
FOR SOMEONE  
SPECIAL

Due to the current Stay-at-Home order, Commemorative Bricks will not be installed this April as expected. The deadline will be extended until May 30th and the bricks will hopefully go in sometime in the summer. We will communicate when they are installed, thank you for your patience.

## Parishioner Assistance (Give and Receive)

The pandemic has impacted our brother and sister parishioners in many ways and to varying degrees. As a parish family, we have the opportunity to give support to and receive support from each other. Some of us may be quarantined and others may have the ability to help with errands by going out and picking up groceries, prescriptions or other needs and drop them off at the person's home. Some may benefit



from someone to talk to during this time of isolation. Also, having over the phone tech help, for people who are having difficulty with online purchasing or social media would be beneficial.

If you are in need of support or would be willing to provide support, please contact Jim Wall at [jim\\_wall@rocketmail.com](mailto:jim_wall@rocketmail.com). He has generously offered to connect requests with volunteers whether it be running errands, participating in a call list, or technical help. In spite of all this turmoil, know that God has joined us in community - for each other.

## Face Masks

As we continue to deal with a new normal in our lifestyles, face masks are likely to become more necessary. Mabel Kuehr-McLaren has volunteered to make reusable, personal face masks for those who are interested. Please contact her directly and let her know how many you need at [mabelkmc@gmail.com](mailto:mabelkmc@gmail.com). She can discuss patterns with you and/or direct you CDC instructions for making themselves if that is of interest to you.

## Knights of Columbus Operation Feed Thy Neighbor

The Knights of Columbus Council #7186 (based at St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church) is partnering with St. Mary Magdalene, Wake County Human Services and several other local churches in the area to serve desperately needed meals to children, as well as the unemployed & underemployed in the Apex area during the COVID-19 crisis.

We've setup an emergency food distribution site on Saturday and Sunday evenings located right here in Apex. In the first two weekends, we have served over 900 dinners in total to Apex residents who are in need.

We are called by Jesus to be His hands and feet on Earth in feeding the hungry. Your support will enable us to continue to provide healthy meals to our most vulnerable neighbors during this crisis.

Please join (or partner with) us in performing a corporal work of mercy!

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## Film Series Metanoia



The Men's groups is continuing to meet virtually on Saturday mornings to discuss Fr. Dave Pivonka's *Metanoia* series. All are welcome. Go to [wildgoose.tv](http://wildgoose.tv) to watch the segments for free. Men are discussing segment 10 this Saturday 4/18. Please watch it on your own before Saturday's group.

To join the online discussion, please email Mike McGann at [mcgannmi1970@gmail.com](mailto:mcgannmi1970@gmail.com) and he will send you the link to a Zoom meeting. The group is meeting from 8-9am. Please join us!

## Ignited By Truth



The 17th annual Ignited By Truth Conference will be held on April 18, 2020, 10am-5pm, **FREE** on the **IBT YouTube Channel** (due to COVID-19). Speakers include Fr. Donald Calloway, Fr. Chris Alar, Matthew Leonard, Jesse Romero, and Dr. John Bergsma. LIVE Vigil Mass at the National Shrine of Divine Mercy will close the online conference.

Please **SHARE** and let's see how many souls we can reach!

For agenda, visit [IgnitedByTruth.org](http://IgnitedByTruth.org).

Tune in at [YouTube.com/IgnitedByTruthCatholicConference](https://www.youtube.com/IgnitedByTruthCatholicConference).

## This Sunday is Divine Mercy Sunday



The message of Divine Mercy is simple. It is that God loves us - all of us without exception. He wants us to recognize that His mercy is greater than our sins, so that we will call upon Him with trust, receive His Mercy, and let it flow through us to others. This message and devotion to the resurrected Jesus as The Divine Mercy is based on the writings of St. Faustina Kowalska, a Polish nun who wrote a diary recording the revelations she received about God's Mercy.

Want to learn more about Divine Mercy? <https://www.thedivinemercy.org/>

[Click here to pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy](#) or listen to it in song

[Click here for some fun ways to celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday with kids](#)

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4pm LIVE: Divine Mercy Vigil Mass (<http://www.facebook.com/DivineMercyOfficial>)

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Adult Ministry Survey Extended





Please help! Recently, members of several parish ministries came together to think about how to best share the wonderful adult ministries available at our parish as well as discover what our community still needs. We are a growing parish, and we want to be intentional with how we launch new options for spiritual growth and community-building. With that in mind, we designed an Adult Ministry Survey.

Which ministries do you know about, and what are you looking for? The survey asks about the types of programming you're interested in, the days and times that work best for you, and if you need childcare.

We can't make good decisions without good information, and we won't have good information without you!

We know how busy you are, so the survey is short and easy to take!! You can access the survey in three different ways: this survey link <https://tinyurl.com/STMMSurvey2020>, the above QR code, or by paper copy available in the Gathering Space. The survey will close on March 16th.

Please take five minutes today and help St. Mary Magdalene plan for exciting and engaging faith experiences in the days to come! We are excited to see what the Holy Spirit has planned for our parish!!

**Joanne Martin**  
PROPERTIES

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