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### St. Mary Magdalene E-News

April 24, 2020

### A Note From Father Donald Staib

This is the 5th week of our distant worship. The Gospel today is one of the most touching stories St Luke told: Jesus meeting the two disciples, Cleopas and possibly his wife, as they were leaving Jerusalem in disappointment. The story has: meeting new people, a meal together, sharing words of Scripture -- all experiences we ourselves cannot have right now.

We are suffering an 'experience of absence.' Mother Teresa of Calcutta had such experiences in her life. When I read her letters a few years ago I was startled to see how she confessed this profound absence when she ministered to the poor, the sick, the dying. These days are not our 'mountain top' experiences. Such days did not divert Mother Teresa from her path of discipleship.

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.

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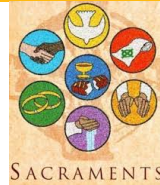
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## Music for this week's Mass 4/26/20

Gathering: River of Glory	#641
Psalm 16: Lord you will show us the path of life, show us the path of life.	
Preparation: Two Were Bound for Emmaus	#165
Communion: Miracle of Grace	#357
Sending Forth: How Can I Keep From Singing	#442

## 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

Breaking bread together can open paths for friendship and intimacy. By breaking the bread, a common meal becomes sacred. Trust can be built, and we can learn to care about each other and feel secure in revealing ourselves in all fullness. The Gospel calls everyone to come to the table - to eat, laugh, cry, love. Our hope through Christ is that, in the sharing of the meal, we can co-create a world that accepts us as God created us. When we open up and truly get to know -the other - who, like us, embodies Christ - will not our hearts burn with joy?

Help our hearts to be Spirit-filled, O Christ. Help us to burn with passion for you and for your people throughout the world. May our passion ignite flames of justice and hope in the midst of hopelessness and pain. May the warmth of our fire be a sign of your compassionate presence in the world. In the name of the Risen Christ, Amen.

## 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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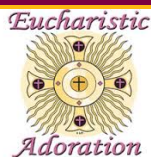
## Parish Office

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.

## First Friday Adoration



First Friday Eucharistic Adoration will be live streamed on Friday, May 1st from 9 am - 5 pm.

[Click here to live stream Adoration.](#)

## Commemorative Brick Order



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

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 support to each other. Some of us may be quarantined and unable to run errands such as going out and picking up groceries, prescriptions or other needs. Some may benefit from someone to talk to during this time of isolation as well as request prayer support. Having over-the-phone tech help with online purchases or social media would be beneficial.

If you are in need of or would like some help, please contact Jim Wall at [jim\\_wall@rocketmail.com](mailto:jim_wall@rocketmail.com) who is part of the Parish Assistance Program. He has generously offered to connect requests with volunteers whether it be running errands, participating in a call list, or technical help.

If you have prayer intentions, you may reach out to members of our Prayer Line by contacting Miriam Beck at 919-924-1413. In spite of all this turmoil, know that God has joined us in community - for each other.

### Face Masks - Referrals

As we continue to deal with a new normal in our lifestyles, face masks are likely to become more necessary. Mabel Kuehy-McLaren has volunteered to make a limited number of 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 to 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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## Want to help, but don't know how? Here's an easy way

Dear STMM families,

STMM youth programs (Prep, The Rock, Edge, The Way & Apostello) have been looking for a way to help during this difficult time. Our own STMM Knights of Columbus have partnered with Wake County Human Services & 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. They have set up an emergency food distribution site on Saturday and Sunday evenings located right here in Apex. In the first two weekends, they have served over 900 dinners in total to Apex residents who are in need. Their supplies and funds are running low and we'd like to humbly ask you to help out in whatever way you can during this time. We realize that not everyone is in a position to give goods or financial donations, and if that's where you find yourself right now please just join our efforts through prayer.

If however, you are in a position to help here are 2 ways we need you:

1) The KOC are putting together bags with a list of food items in them. There will be tubs located under the drive through portico on the chapel side of the church starting Monday until Thursday of each week. One tub will be labeled "Completed bags" and the other will be labeled "Bag items". If you cannot fill an entire bag, please just give what you can and we'll put bags together out of whatever we collect. This allows for a 'no contact' way to help out during this difficult time.

Here are the items for one completed bag:

- 1 Rice or dried beans
- 1 Pasta & 1 Small Canned Sauce
- 1 Boxed Meal (hamburger helper or Mac-N-Cheese)
- 1 Canned Vegetable
- 1 Canned Fruit
- 6 Snack Items (individually wrapped)
- 1 Breakfast Items
- 1 Hygiene Item
- 1 Roll of Toilet Paper

Please bag these items at home and only include "like" items from above. We are not able to date check the donations, so please fill these bags with in-date items we can hand directly to folks in need. Please make sure everything fits into ONE bag which can be double knotted!

2) If you would like to help by just a financial donation, you can go to this link and donate online: [Donate by clicking here](#)

We will keep this going over the upcoming weeks so if you can't participate this week, know you will have a chance in the weeks to come. This is a great family service project too and is an example of one of the corporal works of mercy to feed the hungry.

If you know of anyone within our parish that is sick, in need of food or any other kind of assistance with getting groceries, picking up prescriptions, etc. Please contact either Suzanne Will at [will@stmm.net](mailto:will@stmm.net), Janine at [janine.mcgann@gmail.com](mailto:janine.mcgann@gmail.com) or Liz at [liz.sams@gmail.com](mailto:liz.sams@gmail.com).



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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!!

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