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St. Mary Magdalene E-News

February 21, 2020

A Note From Father Donald Staib

Thank you so much to all who responded to our Bishop's Annual Appeal. We have received \$157,883 which is 82% of our parish goal. We have received these gifts/pledges from 493 families, 24% of our 2,119 parish families. When we hear from the remaining 1,626 families - we will reach a goal of record proportions.

This week is Ash Wednesday. Our Masses will be at 8:15 with the StMM School children and at 7 pm in the evening. Lent is the time we are called to Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving. Consider for Almsgiving a gift to the Bishop's Annual Appeal. Such a gift helps our Diocese and its ministries. And all funds over goal come back to our parish.

Confessions: There will be Confessions on Saturday February 22, after Baptisms; there will also be Confessions on Saturday February 29, at 10:30.

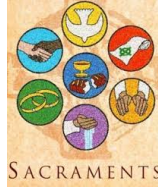
Due to a power surge in Apex, the telephone system at StMM is not working properly. We have received some components for a new system, but not all. We hope a new system is installed soon.

Father Donald Staib
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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

One thing our interior tension reveals is that God wants so much more for us than to simply live a life based on our feelings. Being angry or hurt is not all that enjoyable. In fact, it can be the cause of much misery. But it doesn't have to be.

If we understand the command of Jesus to love our enemies, we will start to understand that this is the path out of the misery. We will start to realize that giving in to hurt feelings and returning anger for anger or hate for hate only makes the wound deeper.

On the other hand, if we can love when we are mistreated, we suddenly discover that love in this case is quite powerful. It's love that goes way beyond any feeling. It's true love purified and given freely as a gift from God. It's charity at the highest level and it is a charity that fills us with an abundance of authentic joy.

Reflect, today, upon any wounds you carry within. Know that these wounds can become the source of your own holiness and happiness if you let God transform them and if you allow God to fill your heart with love for everyone who has mistreated you. ---
Divine Mercy Reflections

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.

DONATE NOW TO OUR NEW CHURCH

(Click on the above link to Donate)

Picture of the Week



Enormous thanks to everyone who generously donated to our collection for the troops returning from deployment in Afghanistan!

Tax Statements

Tax statements are available online. Please follow the directions for printing your statement on our website. http://www.stmm.church/Tax_statement_instructions_2019.pdf
For questions, email prewitt@stmm.net, or 919-657-4800 x7281.

Elementary Religious Ed



Ash Wednesday - February 26, 2020 - Wednesday Parish Religious Education Program (PREP) Students should arrive at their regularly schedule time of 6:30 pm and will attend the 7:00 pm Mass as a class with their Catechists. Parents are welcome to join us at church and sit with your child's class. Pick up will occur from the church following

Mass.

First Communion Parent Meetings Are Approaching. Parents of second graders and Intermediate Sacrament Students are to attend only one meeting. They will be held in Church Room 3. Please enter through Jonah Door.

- Monday, March 9th 10:30 am or 7:00 pm
- Tuesday, March 10th 10:30 or 7:00 pm

At this meeting you will:

1. Sign up for the Mass you want for First Communion.

Choose from

Saturday 5/9/20 5:00 pm

Sunday 5/10/20 9:00 am or 10:45 am

Saturday 5/16/20 at 5:00 pm

Sunday 5/17/20 9:00 am or 10:45 am

2. Pick up the student banner kit and materials to complete at home and returned the day of the First Communion Retreat.

3. Volunteer for First Communion Retreat held Saturday, May 2, 2020.

4. If you attended the Parent Meeting in 2018 or 2019 with an older child, you are not required to attend but please be sure to contact Suzanne with your liturgy choice and to pick up your materials at the Parish Office.

Inclement Weather Policy - PREP & Catechesis of the Good Shepherd does NOT follow the decisions made by the Wake County school system or StMM Catholic School. Decisions are made by the program coordinator. Once the decision is made to close the elementary programs, (PREP, ROCK & CGS) we notify WRAL with a posting. If you don't see StMM on the band running across the bottom of the screen then it is safe to conclude that we are in session. When available we will also post it on the parish website as well as send an email to all registered program families.

Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW) is co-op ministry geared for children ages 3 years to first grade, guiding them through a portion of the Mass in a prayerful, kid-centered way. We would be delighted to have your family join us! Please be sure to register your child(ren) to participate by emailing our ministry at stmmclow@gmail.com. All parents will need to use the online sign-up to serve as parent assistant or C-Level leader throughout the year for this program to continue. Thank you for helping to make this ministry flourish!



Please join us at noon in the Gym.



STMM Sister Parish in Haiti & House Building Project

This year, we are inviting every child who is registered in our programs to donate to this worthy cause. Each time we meet, the Haiti House box will be in the lobby for your child to donate coins or dollar bills between now and April 1st. The goal is to take this opportunity to teach the corporal works of mercy and "shelter the homeless." The cost to provide a safe new home for a family in Haiti is \$3,750. Partnering with HMI, every dollar donated will be matched. Please give according to your means.

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

Youth Ministry

Our schedule this Sunday, 2/23/20 is as follows:

EDGE 4:30pm-5:45pm

Apostello 4:30pm-5:45pm

Youth Mass 6pm

The Way 7:15pm-8:30pm

Enormous thanks to everyone who generously donated to our collection for the troops returning from deployment in Afghanistan! We collected over 1,000 items (not even counting all the laundry pods!) The generosity of our parish is truly overwhelming!

GUYS ONLY HIGH SCHOOL RETREAT REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN! LIMITED SPOTS

LEFT! We are so excited to announce the GUYS ONLY HS Retreat 3/6/20-3/8/20. This retreat is open to all guys in grades 9th-12th and will be held at the same location as last year complete with paintball and so much more! Our retreat host will be Matt Regitz who lives in Houston, TX and loves ministering to dudes! The registration form can be found at this link: <http://www.stmm.church/religious-ed/highschool.cfm> and can be turned in at The Way at the sign in table or to Liz Sams attn in the parish office. To secure a spot a teen must turn in a completed registration form along with a 50% deposit. This retreat does not meet the Confirmation guidelines & spots are limited to the # of beds. Transportation is not included in the retreat cost. The retreat is held at a location about 1 hour and 45 minutes away from STMM in Eastern NC. Info is on the retreat form.

HAITI MISSION TRIP 2020: We are taking the beginning steps to organize an Adult Only(18 and over) Mission Trip to Haiti. There will be an information session to help answer questions from folks who have already gone to Haiti before with HMI, here are the details:

StMM is in the beginning stages of organizing an Adult Mission Trip to Haiti through HMI.(18 years & older only) The trip would be 11/9/20 to 11/16/20 at a cost of \$1700/person (donation to Haiti Mission, Inc.). A \$1000 deposit would be due July 1, 2020, with the balance due October 1. An information session is going to be held on 2/20/20 in Room #3 of the church at 7pm. All inquiries should be directed to David Kurtz at david.kurtz4@gmail.com.

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)

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:

- Has attended a Catholic HS for 1 year & will attend a Catholic HS next year
- 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

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 (can only miss 1 session)

3/1, 3/8, 3/15, 3/22, AND 4/5

(Registration will close on 3/1/20 with no exceptions)

Online registration has now closed and you can find the paper form at this link:

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

Lent Parish Mission

ST MARY MAGDALENE

ENCOUNTERING THE HEART OF CHRIST: HOPE AND HEALING IN THE LENTEN SEASON

With Sr. Miriam James Heidland, SOLT



**SANCTUARY OF ST. MARY
MAGDALENE CHURCH
625 MAGDALA PLACE, APEX,
27502**

Sunday March 8: 7:15-8:30
Monday March 9: 7:00-8:30
Tuesday March 10: 7:00-8:30

Planning for College Workshop



COLLEGE PLANNING SIMPLIFIED

at St. Mary Magdalene School

MARCH 1, 2020 | 7:15
MEDIA CENTER

Join us to learn about:

- College affordability
- Ways to recognize a good fit college
- What matters most on a campus visit
- The college application timeline
- The most important factors in the college admission process

Want to know more? Visit our website at www.advc.com! For inquiries, please contact us at info@advcp.com.

RCIA



RCIA - The next session is Monday, Feb 24th at 7:30 pm in Church Room 4. The discussion topic is: Lent. Question please contact Kathy or Scott Strednak at RCIA@stmm.me.

StMM School News

StMM Employment Opportunities

St. Mary Magdalene Catholic School has several employment opportunities available for the 2020-21 school year. We are currently accepting resumes for a 1st Grade Teacher, 7th & 8th Grade Science Teacher, 7th & 8th Grade Math Teacher, and a 6th Grade Teacher. Full job postings are available on our website, <http://school.stmm.net/about-stmm/employment.cfm>.

StMM School Availability for the 2020-21 School Year

Full-day 3 and 4 year old preschool classes at StMM are full for the 2020-21 school year! We do have a waitlist and some space remains in the half-day programs. Additionally, next year's 2nd, 4th, 6th, and 8th grades are filling up quickly. If you are interested in StMM School for your child, please don't wait! Apply now at <http://school.stmm.net/admissions/>. Questions! Contact Lydia Binanay at 919-335-8311, binanay@stmm.net.

Best Version of Self Retreat This school year our middle school students have been participating in a series of retreats called Best Version of Self. These sessions encourage our students to be the best version of themselves, to help others be the best version of themselves and, as a school, make StMM the best version of itself! As we prepare for Lent, our 6th, 7th and 8th graders will take part in the next round of Best Version retreats this week. God bless them with open hearts and minds during this journey.

Blood Drive A few spots are still available for the Knights of Columbus and StMM School blood drive on **Thursday, February 27 from 2pm - 6pm**. Please sign up to donate by visiting <http://school.stmm.net/> and clicking on the "Announcements" link on the right. Not only will you be helping a great cause, but StMM school will also receive a \$10 donation for every person who donates!

Calling all PreK3-8th grade girls at StMM church and school! A special **Sweetheart Tea and Dance** is being planned just for you! Grab your best-loved dress and make a date with dad, grandpa, or your favorite uncle to attend this special afternoon on Saturday, March 21st from 2:00-4:00pm in the school gym. There will be games, activities, refreshments and a DJ! Tickets are \$10 per family and can be purchased at <https://payit.nelnet.net/form/GIMjJgzk> through March 13th. Please email Erin Snow at erinsnow@gmail.com or Erin Bonasso at erinbonasso@gmail.com with any questions.

New Film Series Metanoia

Fr. Dave Pivonka's new film series Metanoia is here! Join us Saturday mornings starting on February 8 to watch Father Dave's newly-released video series *Metanoia*. Filmed in the Holy Land, this ten-segment, free study promises to open your heart to Jesus in a more profound way. If you enjoyed *The Wild Goose* series, you will love this. The title comes from a Greek word that means "change in one's way of life resulting from spiritual conversion." We hope you will come experience *Metanoia* with us from 8-9:30am every Saturday until the weekend after Easter. The Men's group will meet in Room 3 and the Women's group will meet in Room 4 at Church. No need to RSVP - just come if - and when - you can! Questions, email Laura Werner at steubenvillemissionNC@gmail.com or Mike McGann at mcgannmi1970@gmail.com.

Power and Purpose Conference



BUS TRIP TO STEUBENVILLE CONFERENCE

JUNE 5-7, 2020

Need a recharge in your spiritual life? Wondering about God's purpose for you? Feeling empty, anxious, and needing more peace, joy and love in your life? Reserve your spot at the **Power and Purpose Conference** today! Over 1500 adults come to Franciscan University's beautiful campus in Steubenville, OH each summer to experience the power of the Holy Spirit. They leave with a renewed sense of God's presence in their lives. This conference will draw you deeper into relationship with the Holy Spirit and empower you to live in true freedom and joy.

Registration 2020 Pricing

Early Bird Rate (register by February 28, 2020) \$146

Standard Rate: \$176

Clergy/Religious/Young Adult (Age 18-30) Rate \$97



Please contact Laura Werner at 919-889-9904 or steubenvillemissionNC@gmail.com for more information, travel details, and registration.

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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.

DON'T GIVE UP CHOCOLATE FOR LENT!!! Please join your fellow parishioners for Dynamic Catholic's BEST LENT EVER, which is all about how the saints are ready to help you create holy moments and become the-best-version-of-yourself. All you have to do is go to DynamicCatholic.com and enter your name and email address. It's not what you give up. It's who you become.

[STARTING POINT](#) is now available for Parents and Parents To-Be. You have never seen baptismal preparation like this. Engaging, funny, entertaining, insightful and informational... this revolutionary program truly meets parents and YOU where you are!

Stop by the Dynamic Catholic table at Mass this weekend to see what free materials are available and to learn more about how the Dynamic Catholic programs can help you become the-best-version-of-yourself. 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.

First Friday Adoration

First Friday Adoration will be on Friday, March 6th. 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



Children's Adoration is held the first Friday of each month 230-3pm. All children are welcome. No one is too young to come visit Jesus! The dates for the remainder of the school year are: March 6, April 3, and May 1. Contact Megan Brinkley if you have any questions m.brinkley@hotmail.com

Safe Environment Training



Safe Environment Training - Adults who wish to volunteer with youth at StMM are required to fill out a volunteer application and attend Safe Environment Training. Our next session is Mon, 3/9 at 6:30PM. The session will last approx 2 hours and is for adults only as the presentation is not appropriate for children. **Must register to attend.** Email Bertha Smith (bsmith@stmm.net) to register and to get meeting location.

Commemorative Bricks



COMMEMORATIVE BRICKS - Commemorative bricks line the walkway to our Activities Building. St. Mary Magdalene Church will be placing a Spring brick order, the deadline is **March 27th**. The cost is \$100. Order forms are located in the parish

office or <http://www.stmm.church/giving/>

Commemorate a First Communion, a Graduation or remember a loved one with an engraved brick.

Respect Life News

"UNPLANNED" the movie, will be shown here at StMM on **March 1, 2020**. Please join us from 12:00-3:00pm as this movie speaks volumes for the most vulnerable of humans, the preborn. Visit www.movieguide.org for Christian site review of the movie. Light refreshments will be provided and childcare for those who would like to attend but need someone to watch young children (email Jane breslinjane@verizon.net or Paula phils@bellsouth.net for childcare info). Please register at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090E4FABAF2FA1FC1-unplanned1>

Reminder: 40 Days for Life Spring Campaign in Raleigh. Ash Wednesday, Feb. 26, through April 5. Visit their website, www.40daysforlife.com to sign up for an hour of prayer or join me on Thursday mornings after StMM morning Mass to say the Rosary at the public right-of-way outside Women's Choice Abortion Clinic, 3305 Drake Circle, Raleigh, NC 27607. Call or email Jane (301)452-2465; breslinjane@verizon.net

Pray the **Rosary for Life** at 10:10 on the 1st Sunday of the month in the Chapel. Our next Rosary for Life is **Sunday, March 1, 2020**. It is a beautiful way to start the day whether you come before Mass or stay after. Prayer sheets are provided and families with children are welcome.

Knights Corner



Calling all Catholic Men to the Knights of Columbus
"A Catholic Fraternal Service Organization"
4 Principles: Charity / Unity / Fraternity / Patriotism

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 Cantrel, Grand Knight.

Save the Date: KofC Annual Lent Fish Fry... - Fri, March 6th, March 20th, and April 3rd in the Dining Hall from 5:30-7:45pm. Come out and enjoy a great meal with friends and family while supporting many worthy community causes championed by the Knights of Columbus.

KofC 2020 Free Throw Championship! Friday, March 6 at 6:00 p.m. Open to boys and girls ages 9-14. Winners in each age group earn prizes and qualify to compete for district-level honors. Details at www.kofc7186.org/youth or contact David Tate at tatedavid2001@gmail.com.

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

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