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St. Mary Magdalene E-News January 10, 2020

A Note From Father Donald Staib

I am pleased to note that the following have volunteered and will be part of our Parish Council: Joe Sebik, Courtney Cantrell, Meg Ketron, Sarah Larson, Joseph Werner. I am grateful to all who serve on the Parish Council and help in discerning programs and initiatives for StMM.

On this weekend Gospel about Jesus' Baptism by John we rejoice in all those who receive this sacrament in our parish. And we keep in prayer mothers and fathers who are expecting new births in the coming months. Since the beginning of our parish we have had 1,464 Baptisms.

Due to a power surge in Apex, the telephone system at StMM is not working properly. We are able to receive telephone calls at the school front desk, but calls do not transfer and there is no voicemail. After school hours there is no way to make a connection. My home phone is 919 387 3648. Unfortunately, our entire system will need to be replaced and could take an extended period of time.

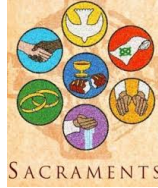
CONFESSIONS: There will be Confessions on Saturday January 11 at 10:30. There will not be Confessions on Saturday January 18.

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

Reflection 1

The authors of our Bible are convinced that whenever one commits oneself completely to God one always discovers unique dimensions of his or her personality. Though in the giving process we all become disciples of God or the risen Jesus, no two disciples are exactly alike. Each lives his or her commitment in ways completely different from all others. Each sees roads to travel down which others don't notice. - Father Roger Vermalen Karban

Reflection 2

Like you, my friends, my heart is weary of polarization, of partisanship, of the cynical motive-questioning that characterizes too much of our public discourse. But in the end, I still believe that "there is nothing wrong with America that can't be cured by what is right with America." I still believe in that "city upon a hill." I still believe that "the arc of the moral universe bends toward justice"; that "we have nothing to fear but fear itself"; that "the better angels of our nature" will prevail; that it is still worth asking what I can do for America, my country. - Father Matt Malone, SJ

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)

Elementary Religious Ed



PREP and CGS will not meet on Sunday, January 19, 2020.

CPO Donations Grade 2 - Your date for toilet paper contributions for Catholic Parish Outreach is the week of January 12th & 15th.

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 television 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.

First Reconciliation Retreat is Saturday, February 1, 2020 for all students in Grade 2 & the Wednesday Evening Intermediate Sacrament Program from 8:30 am-12 noon in the Activities Building.

First Reconciliation Dates for Religious Education Students are

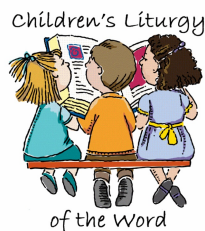
Tuesday, February 4th at 6:30 pm & Wednesday, February 5th at 6:30 pm. First Reconciliation Date for StMM School Students is Thursday, February 6th from 10:00 am -11:00 am during the regular school day.

First Eucharist Retreat is Saturday, May 2, 2020 for all students in Grade 2 & Wednesday Evening Intermediate Sacrament Program from 8:30 - 12:00 noon in the Activities Building.

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 First Eucharist Parent meetings.



The ROCK does not meet on Sunday, January 19th.



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.



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 or Joe, jsebik@icloud.com.

Youth Ministry

STMM YM schedule for 1/12/20 is as follows:

EDGE meets from 4:30pm-5:45pm in the gym

Apostello meets from 4:30pm-5:45pm in the Media Center

Youth Mass at 6pm in the church

The Way meets from 7:15pm-8:30pm in the church

Winter High School Retreat Registration is open: Our winter retreat will be held 1/31-2/2 at Camp Caraway in Sophia, NC. This year's retreat will be hosted by the amazing speaker and worship leader Andrew Laubacher! Andrew has spoken at youth conferences all over the world and we are excited to welcome him to a STMM retreat. Retreat is open to all in grades 9th-12th & the registration form can be found at this link: <http://www.stmm.church/religious-ed/highschool.cfm>. These retreats are packed with great music, games, prayer, fun, fellowship, and opportunities to grow in our faith as a community! To secure a spot teens must turn in a completed registration form with a 50% deposit. This retreat does meet the Confirmation

guidelines. Forms can be turned in at The Way or to the attn of Liz Sams in the parish office. Spots are filled on a first come first serve basis & our spots are limited to the # of seats on the bus & beds available on site.

GUYS ONLY HIGH SCHOOL RETREAT REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN! *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 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)

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:

- 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:

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

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

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

Liturgical Ministries

Liturgical Ministries The St MM Liturgical Ministries need you! Stop by our table after Mass this weekend and learn how you can help the various ministries the support our weekend Masses.

RCIA

RCIA - There are no RCIA sessions on December 23rd and December 30th. The next



session is Monday, Jan. 13th at 7:30 pm in Church Room 4. The discussion topic is: Conversion & Reconciliation: The Power of Grace. Question please contact Kathy or Scott Strednak at RCIA@stmm.me.

Safe Environment

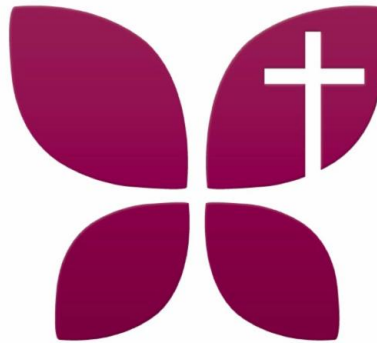


Safe Environment Training - Adults who wish to volunteer with youth at StMM are required to fill out a volunteer application and attend Safe Environment Training. Our next session is Tues, 1/14 at 1PM. The session will last approx 2 hours and is for adults only as the presentation is not appropriate for children. **Must register to attend.** Email Bertha Smith (bsmith@stmm.net) to register and to get meeting location.

Stmm School Applications

Become a Monarch!

Apply now!



Applications for the 2020-2021 school year are available on our Admissions website: <http://school.stmm.net/admissions/>

Need more info?

Call Lydia Binanay at 919-657-4800 ext 7296 for a tour of our campus.

StMM School Business Manager

Recently our School Business Manager Sheila Lattner, announced her plan to retire at the end of February. We will soon establish a Search Committee, but meanwhile we are advertising in appropriate places.

For additional information go to <http://school.stmm.net/about-stmm/employment.cfm> . There are additional details for applicants. Deadline for applications is Monday, January 13th.

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.

Contact Laura Werner at steubenvillemissionNC@gmail.com or go to <https://steubenvilleconferences.com/discipleship-quads/>.

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.

Catholic Senior Organization



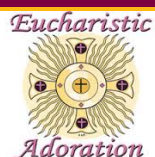
The CSO (Catholic Senior Organization for men and women 60+) meets every third Monday of the month, September through May. Our next meeting will take place Tuesday, January 21, 9:30am - 11am, in Church meeting room #1. For more information, please contact Miriam Moore, miriamdel79@yahoo.com, 919-387-8676 or Fran Hughes, gmomfran@gmail.com.

Women's Bible Study



The Women's bible study will be starting "David and the Psalms" (Come and See Catholic) by Laurie Manhart and Fr. Joseph Ponessa on January 21st. https://www.amazon.com/Come-See-Catholic-Manhardt-2006-07-01/dp/B01FIY6ONY/ref=tmm_pap_swatch_0?encoding=UTF8&qid=1578496452&sr=8-1e. We meet every Tuesday 7-9 pm. For more information please contact Kathy Strednak-kstrednak@gmail.com or Moira News- moiran2013@gmail.com

First Friday Adoration



New Date First Friday Adoration will be on Friday, January 10th. 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 2:00PM. 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.

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: Feb 7, March 6, April 3, and May 1. Contact Megan Brinkley if you have any questions mbrinkley@hotmail.com

Respect Life News

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT! NC Rally and March for Life in Raleigh, Check out the site for details, map & parking: <https://ncrtl.org/rally-and-march-for-life/> Saturday, 1/18/2020 at 1:00pm. **Next weekend!**

Keynote speaker: Kurt Dondrich, President, Chloe's Foundation
Unborn Down Syndrome Children Advocate

We are hoping to build participation from StMM for this very worthwhile event. Meet and carpool from the church parking lot around 11:30am and join with others from the Diocese at the rally.

**Please sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10COA4BADA62BA13-ncrally>

** Contact Paula or Jane if you have questions: phils@bellsouth.net, jbreslin@outlook.com

Softball Team

We are seeking parishioners age 17+ to join us for the **STMM softball team**. Games start in February and are played on Fridays and Sundays each week. The deadline for registration is January 30th. If interested, please contact Bobby Rowe and Colin Frosch (stmmmapexsoftball@gmail.com). Sign-up sheets will be available in the Narthex and are available on-line through the Apex Parks and Recreation website. Cost to play will be based on number of teammates but should be approximately \$60.

Knights Corner



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

Events: The next parish breakfast will be Sunday January 12th after 9am mass.

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.

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

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