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St. Mary Magdalene E-News January 17, 2020

A Note From Father Donald Staib

This week we welcome Msgr. Anthony Frontiero who is Seminary Vice Rector and Director of Human Formation at Mount St Mary's University in Emmitsburg, Maryland. He has visited StMM before, and I am grateful for his coming while I am taking a post Christmas break with family in Denver.

Confessions: there will not be Confessions on Saturday January 18; there will be Confessions on Saturday January 25 at 10:30 am. There will not be daily Mass on Friday January 17 thru Wednesday January 22.

Some news to bring to your attention: 2020 and 85 are very round numbers. I turn 85 in 2020, and it is time for me to retire from active ministry. Our Diocese Guidelines note pastors should retire at 75, so I am 10 years overdue. And what a 10 years! I am so grateful for those 10 and for all the years God has given me.

My retirement will take place sometime in early summer. I expect to live at Springmoor, a retirement facility on Creedmoor Road in Raleigh. Please pray for our Diocese for God's Blessing in the discernment of assignments of new pastors.

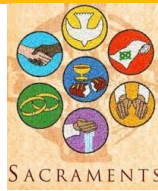
Due to a power surge in Apex, the telephone system at StMM is not working properly. We are able to receive telephone calls at the school front desk, but calls do not transfer and there is no voicemail. After school hours there is no way to make a connection. My home phone is 919 387 3648. Unfortunately,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

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

Reflection 1

Too many people think of vulnerability as a liability, an obstacle, a burden, a lack of capacity. They think that vulnerability means being wounded. But vulnerability means being able to be wounded, it means being exposed to the other, it means not being protected. Vulnerability is allowing oneself to be at risk in response to others and should not be simply identified or confused with precariousness. Father James Keenan SJ

Reflection 2

I thank you most sincerely for all the love and work with which you have supported me in my ministry and I ask pardon for all my defects. And now, let us entrust the Holy Church to the care of Our Supreme Pastor, Our Lord Jesus Christ, and implore his holy Mother Mary, so that she may assist the Cardinal Fathers with her maternal solicitude, in electing a new Supreme Pontiff. With regard to myself, I wish to also devotedly serve the Holy Church of God in the future through a life dedicated to prayer. - Pope Benedict XVI, February 10, 2013

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 & CGS will not meet today, January 19, 2020.

Substitute Catechists are needed for Sundays and Wednesdays. Lesson plans & all materials are provided each week. This ministry welcomes retirees, working parents, stay-at-home parents, teachers & confirmed young adults looking for service hours. Please contact Suzanne will@stmm.net

CPO Donations Grade 2 - Thank you for your toilet paper contributions for Catholic Parish Outreach.

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. Please continue to work on the Family Time Poster received at the parent meetings. The completed poster is due the day of the retreat, Saturday, February 1st.

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.

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.

First Communion Parent Meetings are set for Monday, March 9th 10:30 am or 7:00 pm and Tuesday, March 10th 10:30 or 7:00 pm in Church Room 3. Parents are to attend only one meeting. At this meeting you will sign up for the Mass you want for First Communion. Masses are not assigned. You choose. The dates are 5/9, 5/10, 5/16 & 5/17 at all six parish liturgies. The student banner kit to complete at home and return the day of the First Communion Retreat on Saturday, May 2nd will be distributed. If you attended in 2018 or 2019 with an older child, you are not required to attend. Please be sure to contact Suzanne with your liturgy choice and to pick up your materials.



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

Children's Liturgy



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 Media Center in the StMM School Building while your child is in PREP. Questions? Contact Nicole, nicolesebik@yahoo.com or Joe, jsebik@icloud.com.

Youth Ministry

All our STMM YM programs are off this Sunday 1/19/20

We will return on Sunday, 1/26/20

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)

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>

RCIA

RCIA - There is no RCIA session on Jan 20th. The next session is Monday, Jan. 27th at 7:30 pm in Church Room 4. The discussion topic is: The Church. Question please contact Kathy or Scott Strednak at RCIA@stmm.me.



StMM School Open House



Stmm School Applications

Saint Mary Magdalene Catholic School

Applications for the 2020-2021 school year are available now for new students!

Need more info?

Call Lydia Binanay at 919-335-8311 for a tour of our campus.



Become a Monarch!

Apply now!

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.

Music and Sound Ministries



Music and Sound System Ministries looking for new members! At every Mass every week we strive to provide beautiful music for your enjoyment and to enhance our Mass Celebrations. To accomplish this, we need volunteers to support each Mass. We are looking for new adult members to join us, whether you play an instrument, sing or can help with the sound balancing each week during Mass.

For the adult music ministry that handles our three regular Masses each week, we practice together one hour a week year round on Monday evenings. It is a fun and rewarding group to belong to! Music and training are provided. Members for this group must be 18+ or Confirmed. We are looking for singers, pianists and other instrumentalists. Please contact our Music Director, Kristin Wagner, at stmm.music@gmail.com if you are interested to learn more or would like to tryout a practice session to see what we are all about.

The sound system ministry is an extremely important volunteer team that runs the sound, livestream camera, video displays, lighting and and even the church bells! We have a serious need for new volunteers in this area. All training and backup support is provided and commitment requirements can be from once a month to once a week, depending on your availability. If you have an ear for sound balance or enjoy working with digital sound systems and are willing to learn, please contact our sound system ministry at stmm.soundministry@gmail.com to learn more about this very important role in our church. Training times and schedule commitments are flexible.

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

Eucharistic



Adoration

New Date First Friday Adoration will be on Friday, February 7th. 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 7:00PM. 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

Commemorative Bricks

BUY A BRICK
FOR SOMEONE
SPECIAL

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.stmmchurch/giving/>
Commemorate a First Communion, a Graduation or remember a loved one with an engraved brick.

Respect Life News

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, February 2nd**. 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.

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 (stmmapexsoftball@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*



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>
