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St. Mary Magdalene E-News

July 3, 2020

A Note From Father Chris

"Being good is easy!" The Gospel this weekend explains that the life of Jesus Christ is a light burden. "*For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.*" Matthew Chapter 11 Verse 30.

The life we live is far from easy. Especially if we are fulfilling our main role, which is to love. Love comes to us in a complicated layered way that is full of challenge. Yet the message for us in the Gospel is that the way of love is better. Love requires for us to be virtuous. We have to live in virtue. Honesty, compassion, patience (patience is tough), and kindness are all virtuous living that we are called to. And this way of life is lighter. We experience with others this truth of our calling. When we behave in love, life is better. Easy is better; and better is easier. The rational truth of the message of Jesus Christ.

Watching Fr. Staib drive away with the moving truck on Wednesday was an emotional time. We are so thankful for his stewardship of this wonderful community and look forward to him being part of our sacramental life as Pastor Emeritus.

The volunteers in ministry have requested that we look at having the Sunday Mass at 9:00am to beat the heat on Sunday and to allow for everyone to have more family time on Sunday afternoons. So on July 12th we will change our schedule to livestream the Mass at 9:00am.

Our life proceeds into the challenge of Jesus Christ. To love one another.

Gratefully yours,

Fr. Chris

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Our 10:45am Mass is Live Streamed!

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

Please remember to subscribe to our channel STMM Church Live to receive reminders when events are added and go live.

Music for this week's Mass 7/5/20

This is My Song	#733
Psalm 145: I will praise your name, my king and my God. I will praise your name, my king and my God.	
Preparation: The Summons	#383
Communion: We are Many Parts	#584
Sending Forth: America the Beautiful	#731

Distribution of Communion

Hello StMM parishioners,

Until we can gather together as a community again inside the church, we are obligated to abide by the guidelines set forth by both the Governor of NC and the Bishop of Raleigh. Our plan for this Sunday, July 5th is to continue live streaming the 10:45am Mass and on our [YouTube channel](#). This week we also invite you to come to the church after the 10:45 Mass to receive Communion. This will begin about 11:45.

Next Sunday, July 12th the live stream time will change to 9am.

The assumption is you will have watched the live stream Mass & then come to church where we will be distributing Communion. Please drive to StMM, park your car, and proceed on foot to one of the [Communion stations](#). We will give Communion until all have received, until 12:15.

Extraordinary Ministers will be located in different locations to distribute Communion. There will be 5 stations located around the church & school property (please see the map which has the marked spots and the flow for foot traffic)

We have never done anything like this before so we please request that you show great patience, respect social distancing guidelines, & remain reverent.

If inclement weather should occur, please check the website at www.stmm.net for updated information.

1. Please see the overhead image of St. Mary Magdalene Church for the marked distribution stations located around the property and notice the direction you should follow while waiting to receive.
2. There will be a station under the drive thru portico on the chapel side of the church for anyone who meets the following criteria: Parishioners over the age of 60, anyone in the

medically high risk population, & those who require a gluten free host. In the drive thru please stay in your car to receive the Eucharist.

3. According to the CDC guidelines, each person is asked to wear a mask
4. Ushers will be on hand with hand sanitizer at each line. Please sanitize your hands prior to receiving the Eucharist.
5. We ask you not to receive the Eucharist on the tongue, only in the hand. Please extend your hands in a flattened manner stacked one on top of the other.
6. After receiving Communion please return to your vehicle and exit the property safely
7. Do not engage in casual conversation before or after receiving, please remain prayerful as you would in church.

We miss gathering together and look forward to when we can be united again under one roof.



Stations for Communion

Sacraments



BAPTISMS - See the Guidelines on the Website - then email the Church Office, info@stmm.net. First time parents must attend a baptism class [a good time is during the 9 months prior to birth.] Please contact the Church Office to schedule.

CONFESSIONS - Confessions are usually, but not every week, at 10:30am on Saturdays in the Church. No Confession this Saturday, July 4th.

WEDDINGS - See the Guidelines on the Website - then email the Church Office, info@stmm.net

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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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.

Picture of the Week



Father Staib at Sunday Mass, June 28th

2020 Ultimate Seminarian Invitational

I hope you will join other high school students from around the diocese in the 2020 Ultimate Seminarian Invitational. Please arrive at the Our Lady of Lourdes fields on July 24 at 3PM. Due to the coronavirus, we will observe the prescriptions for separation and interaction as suggested by the CDC, as well as the NC state mask mandate. Wear athletic shoes and sports clothes, we will provide water. Dinner will be provided by the Knights of Columbus. It is a fun filled afternoon where good friendships are made with our seminarians. Please RSVP by July 22 by emailing: officeofvocations@raldioc.org.



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 will continue to operate an emergency food distribution site on Saturday and Sunday evenings located here in Apex. In the first twelve weekends, we have served over 6,500 dinners in total to Apex residents who are in need, and have distributed several hundred bags of non-perishable goods. A sincere **THANK YOU** to all who have supported our efforts through prayer, financial donations, or contributing to our non-perishable goods collection.

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!

[Donate by clicking here](#)

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, Janine at janine.mcgann@gmail.com or Liz at liz.sams@gmail.com.



Collection Bins are located by the covered driveway at the Church

Adult Faith Formation Opportunities

STMM ADULT MINISTRY OPTIONS: The season of Pentecost is a time to open yourself to the Holy Spirit's call to grow closer to God. STMM offers a wide variety of adult faith formation ministries, and some are continuing to meet virtually during this time of quarantine. Prayerfully consider how you can grow deeper in your faith and contact the ministry lead to learn more. [Click on this link to learn more](#)

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