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St. Mary Magdalene E-News June 26, 2020

A Note From Father Donald Staib

My Friends,

You may have seen the news item that Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI left Italy for the first time in seven years last week, traveling to Germany to visit his ill brother, Georg.

One commentator reflected on the significance of the former pope's trip: "Benedict, Joseph Ratzinger, has written many learned books, and he will go down as one of the church's great theologians of the century, but only a tiny percentage of people will have read these books.

But the fact that he got on a plane at the age of 93, in a very frail condition to go and visit his brother - I think that really reached the hearts of people. It's perhaps one of his books that's most eloquent, this gesture."

I agree - may God help us preserve our family and friends relationships in these times that keep us apart.

June 30 is the end of our church fiscal and reporting year. One of the reports is the number of baptism we have had in the parish. When making this report I observed that we have had 1,502 baptisms in our 23 years.

Those babies will begin to marry in these coming years. I commend to the pastors of the future presiding at all the weddings to come.

We have resumed daily weekday Mass, now at 9:15. Thank you to all who have adjusted to the changes we had to make.

Those who wish to attend are asked to wear a mask. Since I am in a higher end age group a younger person will give Communion and there will be hand sanitizing available.

Use your best judgment about coming to daily Mass.

This week June 28th and next week, we will continue to offer Communion after the live streamed 10:45 Mass. We evaluate each week how we can move forward, depending on Guidelines from our Governor and our Bishop.

I send my prayers to you in these stressful days.

CONFESSIONS - There will be Confessions on Saturday June 27 at 10:30. I will be outside by the Chapel doors, unless weather makes it necessary to go inside.

Father Donald Staib <u>donfs22@aol.com</u> St. Mary Magdalene E-News



Our 10:45am Mass is Live Streamed!

Click <u>HERE</u> 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 6/28/20

All Are Welcome	#414
Psalm 89: Forever I will sing, the goodness of	f the Lord.
Preparation: Make Your Home in Me	#620
Communion: I Am the Living Bread	#355
Sending Forth: Blest Be the Lord	#430

Our Church Environment

For the past uncountable years Joan Keary has blessed us with her talents and hours incalculable to keep the environment of our church [and gym before that] beautiful and attractive.

That means: watering plants, arranging flowers for Mass, changing items for the liturgical season, helping to purchase and display our Christmas Crib, preparing church and chapel for Masses, keeping the candles up to date.

One immense task Joan did for us was to be the middle person for securing all our stained glass windows during the construction of our church. That was a task of enormous dimensions. She also is the source of the history of these windows and what they mean for us.

Joan will retire this summer - may this note provide our great thanks for her dedicated service from the pastor and from all who know her. And more blessed: she has made all arrangements that these services will continue after her retirement. Thank you, Joan.



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, June 28th is to continue live streaming the 10:45am Mass and on our <u>YouTube channel</u>. 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.

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 9 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 <u>www.stmm.net</u> 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.
- 8. Because of Father Staib's age he is advised not to distribute Commmunion to large crowds

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



Stations for Communion

Resuming Sacrament of Confession

CONFESSIONS

This Saturday, June 27 there will be Confessions at 10:30 am.

I will wear a mask and ask that you do the same.

If the weather is comfortable I will be outside in the piazza.

If weather is not favorable to outside -

- I will sit in a pew near the Baptism Font
- Penitent will sit in a chair
- Those waiting in line stay in the lobby until you turn
- Leave church after Confession

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.

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. <u>http://www.stmm.church/Tax statement instructions 2019.pdf</u> For questions, email <u>prewitt@stmm.net</u>, or 919-657-4800 x7281.



Wedding of Abbey Will and Thomas Dunnavant on Saturday, June 20th

StMM School News

StMM School Campus Re-Opening Task Force

As we work towards re-opening St. Mary Magdalene Catholic School for the 2020-21 school year, a Campus Re-Opening Task Force has been formed to examine and determine what our school year will look like in these uncertain times. The role of this group will be to explore all possible scenarios. Our goal will be to follow the guidelines provided to us by the CDC, State of North Carolina, and Diocese of Raleigh to safely re-open our school on August 20, 2020. Our Campus Re-Opening Task Force has created a webpage to help keep families informed. The page can be found by visiting our school website, http://school.stmm.net/, and clicking on the "Campus Re-Opening" box on the right-hand side of the page or by clicking here.

StMM School Employment Opportunities

St. Mary Magdalene is currently accepting resumes for an **Instructional Technology Resource Teacher**, a **4th Grade Teacher** and a **5th & 6th Grade Science Teacher** for the 2020-21 school year.

For the complete job postings, please visit <u>http://school.stmm.net/about-stmm/employment.cfm</u>. Resumes and letters of interest can be sent to Principal John Mihalyo, <u>principal@stmm.net</u>.

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: <u>officeofvocations@</u> 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: <u>Donate by clicking here</u>

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 <u>will@stmm.net</u>, Janine at <u>janine.mcgann@gmail.com</u> or Liz at <u>liz.sams@gmail.com</u>.



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. <u>Click on this link to learn more</u>

Discipleship Quads

STEP OUT IN FAITH: Are you ready to take the next step in your faith and help Jesus advance the Kingdom of God? If so, Franciscan University's **Discipleship Quads** would be a perfect fit for you. These micro-groups teach you about our faith, form you into a disciple, and give you the confidence to "go out and make disciples of all nations" as Jesus commissions us in Matthew 28. No matter where you are in your faith journey, you will be fully formed into a disciple for Christ and His

Church that the world so desperately needs. Quads are gender-based. Gatherings are 90 minutes per week. You can meet over Zoom as needed.

For more information, go to <u>https://steubenvilleconferences.com/discipleship-quads/</u> or contact Joe or Laura Werner at <u>steubenvillemissionNC@gmail.com</u> or 919-889-9904. New quads are forming in July. All are welcome!!

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