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### St. Mary Magdalene E-News

June 5, 2020

### A Note From Father Donald Staib

My Friends,

Our feast of the Holy Trinity is a celebration of relationships. May all our human relationships be a model of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

This week we will resume daily Mass, though there will be some changes. Mass will be at 9:15 in the church.

We will have pews marked so there is appropriate social distancing.

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.

After Mass we will sanitize the pews people are occupying.

Use your best judgment about coming to daily Mass.

This week and next week, June 14, 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 6 at 10:30. I will be outside by the Chapel doors, unless weather makes it necessary to go inside.

Father Donald Staib  
[donfs22@aol.com](mailto:donfs22@aol.com)  
St. Mary Magdalene E-News

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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 6/7/20**

O God, Almighty Father	#697
Psalm Daniel 3: Glory and Praise Forever	
Preparation: Hold On to Love	#486
Communion: I am the Bread of Life	#327
Sending Forth: This Day God Gives Me	#622

### **Reflection**

I have witnessed with great concern the disturbing social unrest in your nation in these past days, following the tragic death of Mr. George Floyd. We cannot tolerate or turn a blind eye to racism and exclusion in any form and yet claim to defend the sacredness of every human life.

At the same time, we have to recognize that the violence of recent nights is self-destructive and self-defeating. Nothing is gained by violence and so much is lost.

Let us pray for the consolation of grieving families and friends and let us implore the national reconciliation and peace for which we yearn. May Our Lady of Guadalupe, Mother of America, intercede for all those who work for peace and justice in your land and throughout the world. - Pope Francis

### **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 Sunday, June 7th and June 14th 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.

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.

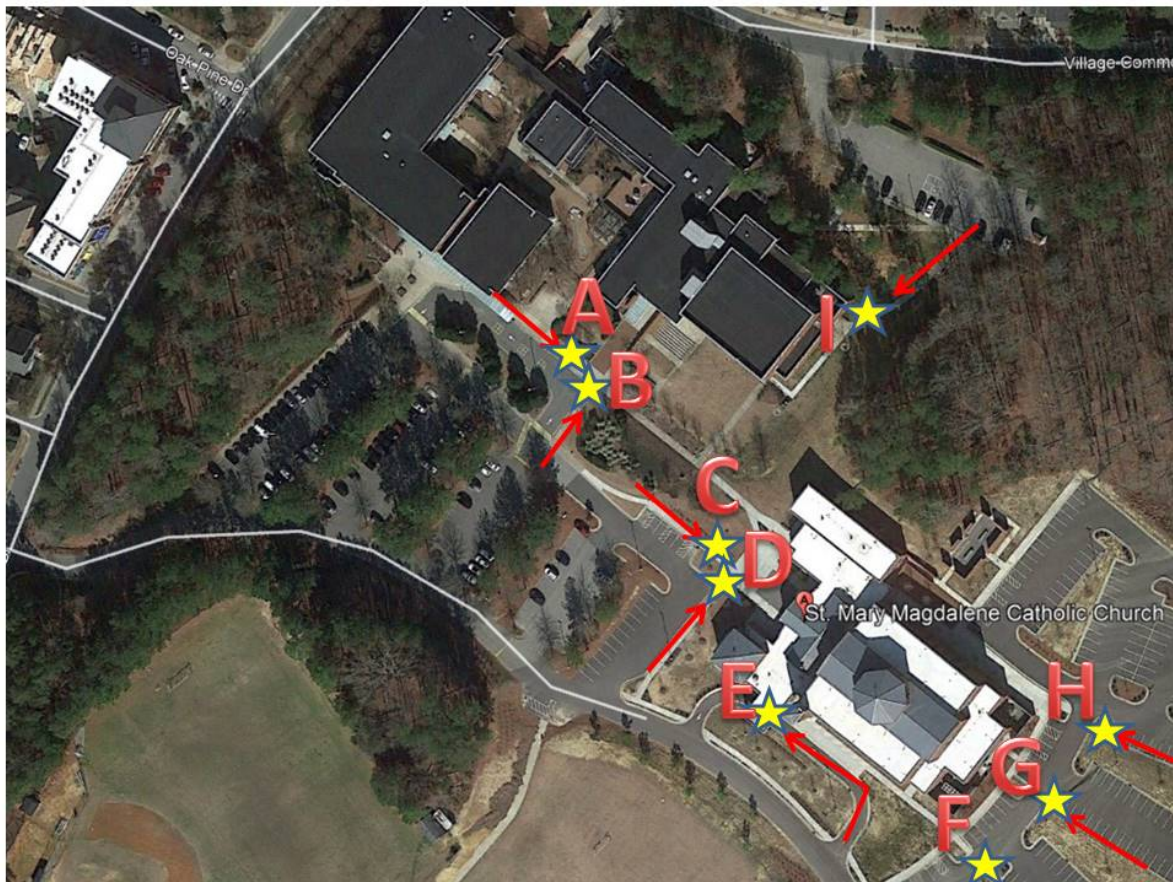
Extraordinary Ministers will be located in different locations to distribute Communion. There will be 9 stations located around the church & school property (please see the map which has the marked spots and the flow for foot traffic)

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 [www.stmm.net](http://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.
8. Because of Father Staib's age he is advised not to distribute Communion to large crowds

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



Stations for Communion

## Resuming Sacraments of Confession and Baptism

### CONFESSIONS

This Saturday, June 6 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

## BAPTISMS

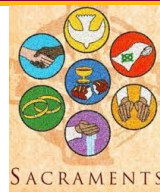
There are 31 awaiting Baptism and I can have only 1 family at a time. Maximum to attend is 9 people.

I will wear a mask when close to the child and parent who holds child should have a mask. Others who attend are encouraged to wear a mask.

At this time I can schedule a Baptism only through the month of June. There are no Saturday opportunities available; we have 2 couples striving to arrange a wedding in June.

I can have Baptisms at other times. I suggest 4pm or 5pm on weekdays. Families can email me [donfs22@aol.com](mailto:donfs22@aol.com) to check alternate days/times.

## 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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For questions, email [prewitt@stmm.net](mailto:prewitt@stmm.net), or 919-657-4800 x7281.



## Picture of the Week



Covid outdoor Parish Council meeting

## Faith Formation Programs

We are working on ways to begin our programs in the Fall that would be both safe and fruitful and ask for your prayers and patience.

## StMM School News

### StMM School Employment Opportunities

St. Mary Magdalene is currently accepting resumes for a full-time 4th Grade Teacher and a full-time 5th & 6th Grade Science Teacher for the 2020-21 school year. For the complete job postings, please visit <http://school.stmm.net/about-stmm/employment.cfm>. Resumes and letters of interest can be sent to Principal John Mihalyo, [principal@stmm.net](mailto:principal@stmm.net).

## 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 six weekends, we have served over 3,000 dinners in total to Apex residents who are in need, and have distributed over 300 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](mailto:will@stmm.net),



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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