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## St. Mary Magdalene E-News

March 13, 2020

### A Note From Father Donald Staib

Many thanks to all who helped in 2 large parish events this past week: the Parish Mission and the Lent Penance Service. I am grateful to all who use their time and talents to help all our parish members.

Congratulations and Thanks to Parish Members We have reached our parish Bishop's Annual Appeal goal. We have received \$236,636 - 123% of our parish goal. We have received these gifts/pledges from 701 families, 35% of our 2,119 parish families. It would be wonderful to receive a pledge/gift from the remaining 1,418 families - envelopes are in the pews.

On a practical church note -- to minimize transferring a virus, we have stopped using the cup at Communion. Our Communion Ministers purify their hands when they come to the altar. If you prefer not to shake hands at Mass, you may bow to one another. In order to minimize touching another person's mouth, it would be helpful not to receive Communion on the tongue during this crisis.

Please see the [church website](#) for other precautions we are taking.

There will be no daily Mass and no communion service on Tuesday and Wednesday this week.

**Confessions:** There will be Confessions on Saturday March 14 at 10:30. There will also be Confessions on Saturday March 21, at 10:30.

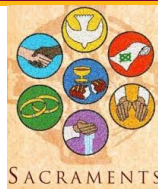
Due to a power surge in Apex, the telephone system at StMM is not working properly. Technicians are currently installing a new system.

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

### Woman at the Well

1. She was a woman who went to the well at noon when the other women were gone from the morning task of getting water. If she went at noon she knew they would shun her. Who are people who are shunned today?
2. She was a woman - in those days men and women never ever met in such a public place as the community well. What social/political walls of separation do we maintain in our time and culture?
3. Men did not go to the well at all because getting water was woman's work. Who now does the unappealing work?
4. She was a Samaritan, a group of people despised by religious people as half breeds and unworthy to worship at the Temple. Is there a group of people we exclude?
5. Her life was an embarrassment and a scandal - no one welcomed such a person in their community. When they came back the Disciples were amazed Jesus was talking to her. She was a real sinner. Are there some sinners we will never forgive and accept?
6. Jesus crossed every human and cultural and religious boundary by talking to her. Even the woman was unsettled by Jesus asking her for a drink. Will we take a first step to converse, to begin a conversation, to start a negotiation?

## 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)

**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](http://www.stmm.church/Tax_statement_instructions_2019.pdf)  
For questions, email [prewitt@stmm.net](mailto:prewitt@stmm.net), or 919-657-4800 x7281.

## Picture of the Week



Sunday Night

## Parish Office Hours

Starting March 16th, the parish office will be open from **8:30 am-12 pm**. Staff will be available by email/phone outside of these hours.

## Elementary Religious Ed



In a preventative effort to slow the rate of the viruses, we will be suspending on-campus religious education through March. This includes Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, Parish Religious Education Program (PREP), the Rock and the Edge. We will provide online resources for the remaining three weekends 3/15, 3/22 and 3/29 via email and our newsletters for you to review at home with your child/ren. Our intention is to re-assess following Easter to reopen our programs in April.

At this point in time, both daily and weekend Masses will continue to be held at STMM.

If your child is scheduled to receive First Communion in May, resources will be emailed to you to continue their sacramental preparation at home.

Helpful Information to Stay Informed: [www.stmm.church](http://www.stmm.church)

Suzanne Will can be reached at [will@stmm.net](mailto:will@stmm.net)

## Youth Ministry

Every parent with a teen in Apostello or The Way should have received an email explaining the changes to our programs in our efforts to prevent the spreading of any viruses. Please make sure you read that email and discuss with your teen.

*Our schedule this Sunday, 3/15/20 is as follows:*

**Youth Mass 6pm**

**The Way meets from 7:15pm-8:30pm**

*Thanks to everyone who came out for our Lent Parish Mission with Sr. Miriam James Heidland, SOLT. It*

was a full house every night and we hope you were blessed by it in some way this Lenten season. You can find the handout from the 2nd night of the mission on the right side of this web page:

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

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**FINAL PUSH for Haiti House Building:** We will only be collecting a couple more weeks and have challenged each teen to bring in \$5.00 or \$10.00 to help us cross the finish line strong. Donations can be dropped off at the sign in table in the lobby of the church after youth mass on Sundays. 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

### **ALL THINGS CONFIRMATION!**

#### **SESSION #3 THIS SUNDAY for Catholic HS teens preparing for Confirmation2020:**

There will be 5 sessions held during the 2nd semester of this school year on Sundays

(can miss only 1 session)

Remaining sessions are: 3/15, 3/22, AND 4/5

#### **IMPORTANT: PARENT CONFIRMATION WORKSHOPS ARE REQUIRED FOR A TEEN PREPPING FOR CONFIRMATION AT STMM:**

If you have a teen who is currently in 8th/9th/10th/11th grade who will be entering either year 1 or year 2 of Confirmation preparation at STMM in the 2019-2020 school year, please be aware that it is required by our parish that you attend a Parent Confirmation Workshop. We offer 3 of them every year and it is required that 1 parent attend 1 of the 3 sessions offered. To see the complete list of Diocesan Guidelines for receiving the sacrament of Confirmation, please go to: <http://www.stmm.church/religious-ed/way.cfm>

*The dates for the 2020 Parent Confirmation Workshops are as follows:*

*March 18th, April 21st, & May 7th.*

*All the workshops will be held at 7:30pm in Room #3 of the church*

*Teens in year 2 of Confirmation prep will receive the sacrament at the Confirmation Liturgy which will be held on May 20th, 2020 at 6:30pm at St. Mary Magdalene in the church.*

Janine McGann can be reached at [janine.mcgann@gmail.com](mailto:janine.mcgann@gmail.com)

Liz Sams can be reached at [liz.sams@gmail.com](mailto:liz.sams@gmail.com)

**Lent**

Join us for Stations of the Cross every Friday during Lent at 7pm in the Church.

## Lent Penance Services

Wednesday, March 18 (11am)	St. Michael the Archangel
Tuesday, March 24 (7pm)	Holy Name of Jesus Cathedral
Wednesday, March 25 (7pm)	St. Michael the Archangel
Thursday, March 26 (11am)	St. Bernadette, Fuquay Varina
Thursday, April 2 (7pm)	St. Bernadette, Fuquay Varina

## Ministry Corner

### *Welcome Dinner*

Charter: Provide a soup and salad dinner for recently registered parishioners. At the meal, extend a welcome and provide information about the parish. Help is needed in preparation of the meal, serving the meal and clean up.

Membership: Any member of the parish may volunteer to help.

Meetings: Welcome dinners are scheduled 2 to 3 times per year, nominally on a Saturday after the 5:00pm mass.

Cost: Volunteers provide soup, salad and desserts. St Mary Magdalene will provide the paper plates, cups, napkins and drinks.

Time Commitment: The time commitment is 2 to 3 hours per dinner. Volunteers who can't attend the dinner can help by dropping off an entrée or dessert.

Other Comments: Participation by other committees is encouraged. This is an opportunity to provide information to new families about the various ministries at St Mary Magdalene.

## StMM School News

### **SUMMER CAMPS**

#### **2020 Mini-Monarchs Preschool Summer Camp Program**

The Preschool Program at StMM is offering 7 weeks of summer fun for children ages 3-5 years! Each week will offer a completely different theme full of fun and exciting stories, songs, games, arts, crafts, and science activities. **Cost:** \$110.00 per week. You may sign up for as many individual weeks as you wish. **Location:** PreK Classrooms. **Hours:** 9:00am - 12:00pm.

**Calendar:** **June 15-19:** Dinosaur Week, **June 22-26:** Superhero Week, **June 29-July 3:** Funtastic Fourth!, **July 6-10:** Super Science, Volcanoes and Bubbles!, **July 13-17:** Splish! Splash!, **July 20-24:** Super Art, Super Fun!, **July 27-31:** Around the World.

The program is open to all children ages 3-5 years old. All children must be potty-trained.

Registration Link: <https://payit.nelnet.net/form/S7eimjq2>

Additional Information: e-mail: [prekcamps@stmm.net](mailto:prekcamps@stmm.net)

#### **2020 K-8 Grade Summer Camps**

We are pleased to announce that StMM School will be offering summer camps during the first 3 weeks of June for rising K-8 students. There is something for everyone - athletics, arts, science, cooking and more! Morning sessions will run from 8:30-11:30am. Afternoon sessions will be from 12:30-3:30pm. Additionally, before care and after care will be available and there will be an hour lunch period for those students attending both a morning and afternoon session. Check out all the offerings and register online at:

<http://school.stmm.net/about-stmm/summercamp.cfm>.

#### **Co-Ed Basketball Camps**

Join StMM Boys Varsity Basketball Coach Don McKee to learn the fundamentals of basketball, sportsmanship and the importance of Christ through basketball. Camp will be held Monday, June 29th through Thursday, July 2nd. Rising grades 3rd-5th are from 8:00am - 11am. Rising grades 6th-8th are from 11:30am - 2:30pm. Register online at:

<https://payit.nelnet.net/form/lnMwji8o>

### Stations of the Cross

Please join us for Stations of the Cross on Fridays, March 20th and 27th at 2:00pm, as well as, Friday, April 3rd at 9:00am. On Holy Thursday, April 9th, the StMM 5th grade students will present the Living Stations at 10:30am in the school gym. All are invited to attend this moving performance.

### CPO Food Drive Update

Many thanks to all those who donated to the Catholic Parish Outreach food drive last week. A total donation of 2,165 pounds of groceries and \$2,730 from the church along with 1,014 pounds from StMM School students will go to help families in need.

## New Film Series Metanoia

Fr. Dave Pivonka's new film series *Metanoia* is here! Join us Saturday mornings starting on February 8 to watch Father Dave's newly-released video series *Metanoia*. Filmed in the Holy Land, this ten-segment, free study promises to open your heart to Jesus in a more profound way. If you enjoyed *The Wild Goose* series, you will love this. The title comes from a Greek word that means "change in one's way of life resulting from spiritual conversion." We hope you will come experience *Metanoia* with us from 8-9:30am every Saturday until the weekend after Easter. The Men's group will meet in Room 3 and the Women's group will meet in Room 4 at Church. No need to RSVP - just come if - and when - you can! Questions, email Laura Werner at [steubenvillemissionNC@gmail.com](mailto:steubenvillemissionNC@gmail.com) or Mike McGann at [mcgannmi1970@gmail.com](mailto:mcgannmi1970@gmail.com).

## 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](mailto:steubenvillemissionNC@gmail.com) for more information, travel details, and registration.

## Sweetheart Tea and Dance

The Sweetheart Tea and Dance scheduled for March 21st has been cancelled.

## Habitat for Humanity



The St. MM Habitat Ministry is in search of volunteers to help with the "Leap of Faith Build!" Come and join us to literally build a neighborhood at Johnson Place in Garner!. We will join the Southwest Wake Coalition build a home for Lori Presley! Join us, put your faith in action and make an impact! Volunteers must be 16 or older (except for the Children's Baffle Project where all ages are welcome.

- **Church Staff Work Morning** : Thursday, March 26 from 8:15 AM- 11:30 AM. Sign up at <http://vhub.at/southwestwake>
- **Home Building**: Saturday, March 28 from 8-4 PM at Johnson Place in Garner. Sign up at <http://vhub.at/southwestwake>
- **Children's Baffle Project**: Sunday, March 29 at 3 PM at Unity of the Triangle, 5570 Munford Road, Raleigh. This is an exciting opportunity to work with other Leap of Faith Coalitions. Please register your children via <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/508094AAC82FA31-2020>

For more information please contact Terry Loding at [stmmhabitat@gmail.com](mailto:stmmhabitat@gmail.com) or 919-376-6714.

## Knights of Columbus Fish Fry

### Fish Fry Alert!



**KofC Annual Lent Fish Fry...** -Fri, March 20th, and April 3rd in the Dining Hall from 5:30-7:30 pm. (Eat in or Take Out). Pre-order online at [www.lentfishfry.com](http://www.lentfishfry.com). We use top quality cod and shrimp, prepared fried or baked. Fried fish is freshly breaded just prior to cooking which delivers to you a perfect golden brown crispy filet. We serve

our meals with your choice of seasoned french fries, parsley potatoes, or macaroni and cheese along with cole slaw, corn bread and dessert. Come out and enjoy a great meal with friends and family while supporting many worthy community causes championed by the Knights of Columbus. The status of the March 20th Fish Fry can be found at [www.lentfishfry.com](http://www.lentfishfry.com).

**Save the Date:** KofC Crawfish Boil, Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup> to support the Lamb Foundation.

## 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.stmm.church/giving/>

Commemorate a First Communion, a Graduation or remember a loved one with an engraved brick.

## Respect Life News

PRAY TO END ABORTION

*Only with prayer - prayer that storms the heavens for justice and mercy, prayer that cleanses our hearts and souls - will the culture of death that surrounds us today be replaced with a culture of life."*

*-Pastoral Plan for Pro-Life Activities, U.S. Catholic Bishops*

*Prayer for Life*

O Mary, bright dawn of the new world, Mother of the living, to you do we entrust the cause of life. Look down, O Mother,

upon the vast numbers of babies not allowed to be born,  
of the poor whose lives are made difficult,  
of men and women who are victims of brutal violence,  
of the elderly and the sick killed by indifference or out of misguided mercy.  
Grant that all who believe in your Son may proclaim the Gospel of life  
with honesty and love to the people of our time.  
Obtain for them the grace to accept that Gospel as a gift ever new,  
the job of celebrating it with gratitude throughout their lives,  
and the courage to bear witness to it resolutely, in order to build,  
together with all people of good will, the civilization of truth and love,  
to the praise and glory of God, the Creator and lover of life. *From Evangelium Vitae*  
*By Saint Pope John Paul II*

Join us in the **Chapel** for the **Rosary for Life** every **1<sup>st</sup> Sunday** of the month at **10:10am**. What a beautiful way to start your week. Stay after 9:00am Mass or come early for 10:45am Mass. Prayer sheets and Rosaries are provided. Our next Rosary for Life is Sunday, April 5, 2020. All are welcome.

## Parish Adult Survey



Please help! Recently, members of several parish ministries came together to think about how to best share the wonderful adult ministries available at our parish as well as discover what our community still needs. We are a growing parish, and we want to be intentional with how we launch new options for spiritual growth and community-building. With that in mind, we designed an Adult Ministry Survey.

Which ministries do you know about, and what are you looking for? The survey asks about the types of programming you're interested in, the days and times that work best for you, and if you need childcare.

We can't make good decisions without good information, and we won't have good information without you!

We know how busy you are, so the survey is short and easy to take!! You can access the survey in three different ways: this survey link <https://tinyurl.com/STMMSurvey2020>, the above QR code, or by paper copy available in the Gathering Space. The survey will close on March 16th.

Please take five minutes today and help St. Mary Magdalene plan for exciting and engaging faith experiences in the days to come! We are excited to see what the Holy Spirit has planned for our parish!!