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St. Mary Magdalene E-News

March 6, 2020

A Note From Father Donald Staib

Congratulations and Thanks to Parish Members
We have reached our parish Bishop's Annual Appeal goal. We have received \$222,189 which is 116% of our parish goal. We have received these gifts/pledges from 630 families, 32% of our 2,119 parish families. It would be wonderful to receive a pledge/gift from the remaining 1,489 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.

Thank you for the Ash Wednesday collection for Eastern Europe of \$4,002. And for the USA Missions 2nd collection of \$3,163

Confessions: There will be Confessions on Saturday March 7 at 10:30, after Baptisms; there will also be Confessions on Saturday March 14, at 10:30.

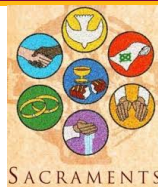
Due to a power surge in Apex, the telephone system at StMM is not working properly. Technicians are currently installing a new system.

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

Characteristics of Peak Experiences

Significance: Peak experiences lead to an increase in personal awareness and understanding and can serve as a turning point in a person's life.

Fulfillment: Peak experiences generate positive emotions and are intrinsically rewarding.

Spiritual: During a peak experience, people feel at one with the world and often experience a sense of losing track of time.

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
For questions, email prewitt@stmm.net, or 919-657-4800 x7281.

Picture of the Week



Catechuems at the Rite of Election last Sunday





Church of the Transfiguration on Mount Tabor

Elementary Religious Ed



First Communion Parent Meetings This Week. Parents of second graders and Intermediate Sacrament Students are to attend only one meeting. They will be held in Church Room 3. Please enter through Jonah Door.

- Monday, March 9th 10:30 am or 6:00 pm
- Tuesday, March 10th 10:30 or 6:00 pm

At this meeting you will:

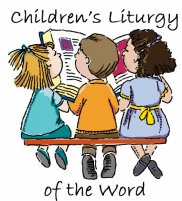
1. Sign up for the Mass you want for First Communion.
Choose from
Saturday 5/9/20 5:00 pm
Sunday 5/10/20 9:00 am or 10:45 am
Saturday 5/16/20 at 5:00 pm
Sunday 5/17/20 9:00 am or 10:45 am
2. Pick up the student banner kit and materials to complete at home and returned the day of the First Communion Retreat.
3. Volunteer for First Communion Retreat held Saturday, May 2, 2020.
4. If you attended the Parent Meeting in 2018 or 2019 with an older child, you are not required to attend but please be sure to contact Suzanne with your liturgy choice and to pick up your materials at the Parish Office.

CPO Toilet Tissue Donations for Grade 4 are scheduled for next weekend Sunday, March 15th & Wednesday, March 18th. Please donate whatever your means will allow.

Attention Parents of Fourth Graders: You are invited to accompany your fourth grade child on Sunday, March 22 from 12:00 - 1:15 pm in the gym to experience **the Rock** (Reaching Out for Christ). The ROCK is a relational ministry program for preteens in grades five & six that encourages the youth to encounter Jesus Christ and His Church unceasingly. We hold fast to his teachings, foster a Christ-centered community, and seek participation in the sacraments and prayer.

On Sunday March 8th, we will NOT meet at our regularly scheduled time. Instead,

"Upon this rock I will build my church" MATTHEW 16:18
we are inviting ALL of our ROCK families to attend the parish Lenten mission with Sr. Miriam from 7:15 - 8:30 pm in the church. ROCKers cannot attend alone but must have a parent. With all the tender love we can muster in our hearts, we beg you to not see this as "a day off from faith formation". Please. We spent a long time in prayer debating whether or not to move times. Our biggest fear is that you would see this as an opportunity to take a Sunday off. Lent is a time of prayer and fasting. Fast from wanting to stay home. Join us Sunday night, as a family, to hear this incredible preacher, soul healer and disciple of Jesus. Trust me, she is worth rearranging your schedule for.



Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW) is co-op ministry geared for children ages 3 years to first grade, guiding them through a portion of the Mass in a prayerful, kid-centered way. We would be delighted to have your family join us! Please be sure to register your child(ren) to participate by emailing our ministry at stmmclow@gmail.com. All parents will need to use the online sign-up to serve as parent assistant or C-Level leader throughout the year for this program to continue.

Thank you for helping to make this ministry flourish!



STMM Sister Parish in Haiti & House Building Project

This year, we are inviting every child who is registered in our programs to donate to this worthy cause. Each time we meet, the Haiti House box will be in the lobby for your child to donate coins or dollar bills between now and April 1st. The goal is to take this opportunity to teach the corporal works of mercy and "shelter the homeless." The cost to provide a safe new home for a family in Haiti is \$3,750. Partnering with HMI, every dollar donated will be matched. Please give according to your means.

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.accesssacs.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

Youth Ministry

Our schedule this Sunday, 3/8/20 is as follows:

Edge is moving their gathering time to 7:15pm-8:30pm to allow Edgers & their families to attend the Lent Parish Mission this Sunday hosted by Sr. Miriam James Heidland! We'll have **Youth Mass** this Sunday at 6pm with the Parish Mission starting after mass at 7:15pm in the church *All families, ages are welcome to attend & you do NOT want to miss this night.* This is a regular night for **The Way** and all friends and family members are welcome to attend! **Apostello** teens should contact their Apostello leader to see what the plans are for their Apostello group.

Miracle League buddies needed! StMM is looking for 10 'buddies' who are 12 years and older to help kids with special needs to play the great game of baseball! **When:** 3/26 from 6pm-8:45pm at Adams Elementary on Cary Towne Blvd in Cary. To sign up to be a buddy, please send an email to Liz

at liz.sams@gmail.com who will send you a buddy registration form. This is a fantastic and fun way to serve in our community!

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)

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Bump Up Day! What in the world is BUMP UP? For student's in 4th and 6th grade it's a big year. It's your BUMP UP year! This means they are on the cusp of bumping up to the next youth group. This is a huge leap. **BUMP UP this year is March 22nd**. And it's an amazing opportunity for your child/tween to experience AND GET EXCITED for their bump up to the next youth group. 4th graders will be attending THE ROCK from 12-1:15 pm on March 22nd. And 6th graders will be attending The EDGE from 4:30-5:45 pm that Sunday. There will also be a mandatory meeting for all parents of students bumping up to the next youth group. The parent meeting for the 2020-2021 ROCK parents will be from 12-1 in the youth room in the activity building and the parents of future EDGERS will also be in the youth room from 4:40-5:40. We cannot wait to see you all there! For questions please email Janine.mcgann@gmail.com

Want to visit Michelangelo's Sistine chapel without leaving Apex? Small Group 8 of the EDGE program would like to invite you to tour the Sistine Chapel right here at STMM! They are bringing in virtual reality equipment that will allow you to tour the chapel as if you were actually there! All proceeds will go to our Haiti house fund. This Sunday, **March 8th** in the gym

Time: 2:30-5:30pm right before Youth Mass and Sr. Miriam's Lenten Mission

Cost: per user would be \$5 for 5 minutes. Fee or donation is not required and is voluntary. For more information you can go to:

https://store.steampowered.com/app/1165850/IL_DIVINO_Michelangelos_Sistine_Ceiling_in_VR/

Lent

ST MARY MAGDALENE

ENCOUNTERING THE HEART OF CHRIST: HOPE AND HEALING IN THE LENTEN SEASON

With Sr. Miriam James Heidland, SOLT



SANCTUARY OF ST. MARY
MAGDALENE CHURCH
625 MAGDALA PLACE, APEX,
27502

Sunday March 8: 7:15-8:30
Monday March 9: 7:00-8:30
Tuesday March 10: 7:00-8:30



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

Lent Penance Services

Thursday, March 12 (7pm)
Wednesday, March 18 (11am)
Tuesday, March 24 (7pm)
Wednesday, March 25 (7pm)
Thursday, March 26 (11am)
Thursday, April 2 (7pm)

St. Mary Magdalene
St. Michael the Archangel
Holy Name of Jesus Cathedral
St. Michael the Archangel
St. Bernadette, Fuquay Varina
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

Kindergarten Assessment Day

Students entering kindergarten at StMM for the 2020-21 school year are reminded that a mandatory kindergarten assessment day is scheduled for Thursday, March 12th from 9:00-10:30am. This is an opportunity for our kindergarten staff to meet with and learn about these young students. It is also a good time for incoming students to see the kindergarten classrooms and meet new friends. If you are considering StMM kindergarten for your child next year, it is not too late. Please apply now at <http://school.stmm.net/admissions/> or contact Lydia Binanay at 919-335-8311, binanay@stmm.net.

Stations of the Cross

Please note there will be NO stations of the cross this coming Friday, March 13th, as our school is not in session that day. Stations are scheduled for March 20th and 27th at 2:00pm, as well as, 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.

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>.

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 or Mike McGann at 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

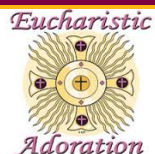
Standard Rate: \$176

Clergy/Religious/Young Adult (Age 18-30) Rate \$97



Please contact Laura Werner at 919-889-9904 or steubenvillemissionNC@gmail.com for more information, travel details, and registration.

First Friday Adoration



First Friday Adoration will be on Friday, March 6th. 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: March 6, April 3, and May 1. Contact Megan Brinkley if you have any questions m.brinkley@hotmail.com

Safe Environment Training



Safe Environment Training - Adults who wish to volunteer with youth at StMM are required to fill out a volunteer application and attend Safe Environment Training. Our next session is Mon, 3/9 at 6:30PM. The session will last approx 2 hours and is for adults only as the presentation is not appropriate for children. **Must register to attend.** Email Bertha Smith (bsmith@stmm.net) to register and to get meeting location.

Knights of Columbus Fish Fry

Fish Fry Alert!



Save the Date: KofC Annual Lent Fish Fry... - Fri, March 6th, March 20th, and April 3rd in the Dining Hall from 5:30-7:45pm. Come out and enjoy a great meal with friends and family while supporting many worthy community causes championed by the Knights of Columbus. Fish Fry this Friday! Pre-order at www.lentfishfry.com

KofC 2020 Free Throw Championship! Friday, March 6 at 6:00 p.m. Open to boys and girls ages 9-14. Winners in each age group earn prizes and qualify to compete for district-level honors. Details at www.kofc7186.org/youth or contact David Tate at tatedavid2001@gmail.com.

"Feed a Family" Food Drive



Catholic Parish Outreach
A Program of Catholic Charities
Providing Help - Creating Hope - Serving All

"Feed-A-Family" Food Drive Comes to Mary Magdalene Did you know that Catholic Parish Outreach food pantry gave a week's worth of groceries to an average of 8,200 people / month in 2019? Volunteers will be handing out grocery bags with an attached shopping list or a donation of \$30 feeds a family for one week. Please help CPO serve the less fortunate in our community by **taking a bag and returning it on March 7th and 8th**. We are also in great need of books for preschoolers for our children's clothing ministry. If you have any questions or would like to help with this project, please contact Kelly Rappl at krappl@nc.rr.com or Kathy Barnack at kbarnack957@gmail.com

Commemorative Bricks



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

40 Days for Life Spring Campaign in Raleigh. Join this campaign of prayer, & peaceful witness for an end to abortion, **Feb. 26, through April 5** (7am-7pm daily). Come at any time and pray for those suffering from abortion. Location: public right-of-way outside Women's Choice Abortion Clinic, 3305 Drake Circle, Raleigh, NC 27607. There is another location at Planned Parenthood in Chapel Hill. For more information and to register for a time slot, visit: www.40daysforlife.com, Email Jane at breslinjane@verizon.net or Paula Hils at phils@bellsouth.net if you have questions.

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, April 5, 2020**. 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.

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!!
