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St. Mary Magdalene E-News October 25, 2019

A Note From Father Donald Staib

Friday of this week, November 1, is a holyday, the feast of All Saints. We will have Mass at 8:15 in the morning with the school children and another Mass at 7 pm in the evening. I am grateful to Msgr. Gerald Lewis who will be the priest at the 8:15 Mass. I will be here for the 7 pm Mass.

During October - November each year for the weekend Masses I often use different Eucharistic Prayers at Mass. I am not sure they are in the Missals people use. There are 4 of them and I rotate them from week to week. I did find them online under the words 'Eucharistic Prayers for Various Needs.'

Thank you for the generous collection for World Mission Sunday last weekend of \$4,592.

CONFESSIONS: There will be Confessions this Saturday, October 26 at 10:30, after Baptisms and on Saturday November 2 at 10:30, after Baptisms.

Father Donald Staib
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St. Mary Magdalene E-News

Our 10:45am Mass is Live Streamed!

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

Sacraments



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

Dublin's archbishop has warned against the "nastiness and bitterness" of Catholics on social media, saying people will only be attracted to the Church if they encounter "people of joy."

Archbishop Diarmuid Martin was speaking at a Mass Oct. 20 commemorating the canonization of John Henry Newman, the founder of what is now University College Dublin.

"Faith is always a seeking and Newman reminds us that that seeking continues, lifelong, in our own hearts and in our desire to understand the human project," the archbishop said. "Obstacles to faith arise when we somehow begin to feel that we definitively have all the answers and others are to be judged as outsiders, or on the other hand, when we fall into the temptation to indifference, not even asking the questions."

Financial Matters

OUR NEW CHURCH - We have the obligation to make large monthly payments for 14 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)

Picture of the Week



The 4th and 5th grade StMM school girls in Girl Scout Troop 1161 spent their teacher workday this week learning about how to care for horses and doing community service work at Horse and Buddy, a Therapeutic Horseback Riding Center in New Hill. The girls donated horse treats and other needed supplies to the barn. They also had fun while grooming horses, leading them around the arena and mucking out stalls.

Elementary Religious Ed



CPO Donations: Many Thanks to all our PK/K/Wednesday Intermediate Sacrament Families for their toilet paper donations for Catholic Parish Outreach. Grade 1 Program Families please note your dates for toilet paper donations is November 10th

& 13th.

PREP Calendar Reminders: Thanksgiving Holiday - No Class Sessions Sunday, November 24, 2019, Wednesday, November 27, 2019 and Sunday, December 1, 2020.

Attention First Sacrament Families of children in Grade 2 PREP/Wednesday Intermediate Sacrament Students/StMM School Grade 2 Families/Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Students-2nd year of Level II

First Reconciliation Parent Meetings Please attend one of the following:

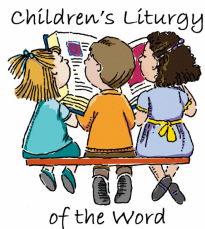
- Monday, November 18th in Church Room 3 - 10:30-11:30 am
- Monday, November 18th in Church Room 3 - 7:00-8:00 pm
- Tuesday, November 19th in Church Room 3 - 10:30 - 11:30 am
- Tuesday, November 19th in Church Room 3 - 7:00 - 8:00 pm

One parent is required to attend one of these meetings. If you attended in 2018 -2019 or 2017-2018 you do not have to attend the meeting. You are, however, responsible for picking up meeting materials in the Parish Office the week of 11/18/19.

Contact Suzanne - will@stmm.net with your questions.

ROCK Core Team Needed

Due to the overwhelming response of our new program, the ROCK (Reaching Out for Christ), we are in need of additional volunteer Core Team Leaders to journey with our 5th & 6th Graders. The commitment is every other weekend and the plans are provided to you in advance. Please contact Suzanne wil@stmm.net or Janine Janine.mcgann@gmail.com to learn more about this exciting opportunity.



Children's Liturgy of the Word has begun and is held during the Sunday morning liturgies at 9:00 & 10:45 am. It mirrors the worship experience of the parish community in an engaging and interactive environment. Eligible participants are children 3 - 6 years old. This program is a co-op; dependent upon parishioner involvement. Volunteers must be Safe Environment Certified. If you'd like to assist with this ministry, please contact the Program Coordinator, Jennifer Jury at stmmclow@gmail.com.



Refresh - An Adult Program held during PREP. Apex is a great place to live, but the number one city for you is where you can build your village. Get to know those around you at Mass. Meet other StMM families. Have a cup of coffee. We're meant to live in community, to connect with others. If it takes a village, let's build one! Join us on Sundays at Noon in the Science Room on the second floor of the StMM School Building while your child is in PREP. Questions? Contact Nicole, nicolesebik@yahoo.com or Joe, jsebik@icloud.com.

Youth Ministry

STMM YM schedule for Sunday 10/27 is as follows:

EDGE 4:30pm-5:45pm in the gym

Apostello 4:30pm-5:45pm in the media center

Youth Mass at 6pm in the church (open to all ages!!!)

The Way 7:15pm-8:30pm starting in the church

All teens in The Way must sign in every Sunday at the table in the lobby of the church

The STMM YM Calendar for the 2019-2020 school year can be found at this link on the right side of the page:

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

Haiti House Building: We were so excited to host Fr. Joe from Haiti a couple of weeks ago & to learn more about his church and school community in Jeremie. 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: (our home is #151)

<https://www.haitimissioninc.com/hmi-houses-147-current>

Thank you to everyone who contributed to this cause last year. We will begin collecting again this Sunday at our different programs to build more houses this year. 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

If you have a teen who:

- attends Catholic HS
- currently in 10th/11th/12th grade
- does not participate in The Way youth group at STMM
- would like to receive the sacrament of Confirmation in May 2020 at STMM

Please go to this link to register your teen for Confirmation 2020 preparation at STMM. They must have attended Catholic HS for their previous school year to enroll & your family must be a STMM registered parishioner. There will be 5 sessions held during the 2nd semester of this school year on Sundays, dates TBA The instructions and link to use the online registration are on the right side of this page: <http://www.stmm.church/religious-ed/highschool.cfm>

HS Girls Retreat "Speaking to Sparrows" registration is now open. There are 2 spots left open!!! Form is available on the church website at this link: <http://www.stmm.church/religious-ed/highschool.cfm> This retreat is open to girls in 9th-12th grade and will be held Friday, November 8th to Sunday November 10th in New Hill, NC. Cost is \$75.00 per girl. It is an amazing opportunity for girls to create community, build up sisterhood, spend the weekend in her pajamas/soft clothes and get away from the everyday stresses of high school life. Girls from any church/denomination can attend this retreat!! Spots are limited to 20 girls and at this time are not open to girls who have already attended in past years. If we don't fill the 20 spots, we'll open it up to returners!

Registration has now closed for all STMM YM programs
 Please contact Janine or Liz directly if you missed our registration period.
 Janine McGann can be reached at janine.mcgann@gmail.com
 Liz Sams can be reached at liz.sams@gmail.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, 10/28 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.

RCIA



Are you interested in becoming Catholic? Are you Catholic but not confirmed? We can help! The **RCIA** process at StMM assisted 8 adults in completing their sacraments of initiation at the 2019 Easter Vigil. Our next session will be Monday, October 28, 2019 at 7:30 PM in Room #4 of the church building. It's not too late to join the discussions. Please contact Scott and Kathy Strednak at rcia@stmm.net if you missed the inquiry sessions.

First Friday Adoration



First Friday Adoration will be on Friday November 1 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 6:30PM. 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.

Family Promise

Family Promise - STMM Supporting Homeless Families - STMM will support Family Promise by volunteering time and donating items to homeless families that will be housed at St.



Andrew Nov 10-16. Please stop by tables in the lobby the weekend of October 26-27 to select your volunteer activity or item for donation. We could not do this without you, and need many volunteers for each day and night. Family Promise of Wake County provides support to pre-screened homeless families as they transition into permanent housing (<http://www.familypromisewake.org/>). Reminder: All donations are dropped off at St. Andrew Please contact Mary Wire at mbwire@gmail.com or 919-749-8932 with questions.

Talk Saves Lives Presentation

Talk Saves Lives Presentation (November 14th at 7 and 8:15 pm in the STMM Media Center). Provided by the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, this one-hour awareness program presents the basics of what everyone needs to know about suicide: who is at risk, the warning signs & what you can do in a crisis. Two identical sessions will be held to accommodate your schedules. This presentation is for ages 15 and higher only. For questions, contact Mike Rota at mikerota2018@gmail.com

Discipleship Quads

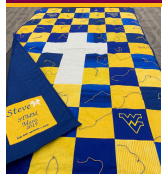
Catholics today face many obstacles to experiencing a vibrant, personal relationship with Christ. Life pulls us in so many directions, often times away from Him. It is not uncommon for us to feel alone on our faith journey. Maybe we have gaps in our understanding of the Church's teachings but we don't know how to fill them. Or, we may not have the tools or confidence to share the saving grace of the Good News with others the way Jesus instructs us to in Matthew 28: 16-20. If any of these sound like you, then prayerfully consider joining a **Discipleship Quad**. After a year of extensive research, Franciscan University created this free resource to help people have the relationship with Christ they desire. It is based on a model that has over thirty years of success. Your journey with the Discipleship Quad will equip you with the tools you need to help rebuild our Church at a time when we desperately need disciples. Sign ups are ongoing. And 100% FREE. **For more information**, as well as all the free resources needed to get started, visit <https://steubenvilleconferences.com/discipleship-quads/> Or email Laura Werner at stebenvillemissionNC@gmail.com for more information.

Catholic Senior Organization



The CSO (Catholic Senior Organization for men and women 60+) meets every third Monday of the month, September through May. Our next meeting will take place Monday, November 18, 9:30 - 11:00 AM, in Church meeting room #1. For more information, please contact Miriam Moore, miriamdel79@yahoo.com, 919-387-8676 or Fran Hughes, gmomfran@gmail.com

"Prayers & Squares"



"Prayers & Squares" - A prayer quilt group. If you are interested in sewing for the Prayers & Squares group please join us for a meeting on Sunday, November 3 @ 1:00. We will be meeting in room 4 in the church building. For more information, please contact Lorraine Morris at lc Morris0707@gmail.com

Family Rosary



The month of October each year is dedicated to the Most Holy Rosary because the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary is celebrated on October 7.

Pray the Rosary On Thursday nights at 7:00 in the Chapel. Rosaries and prayer guides are available. Everyone and all ages are welcome to come. No experience necessary.

Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus.

Contact Joe Sebik (Jsebik@icloud.com) for more information, if you want to help lead the Rosary, have

prayer intentions, or with questions.

40 Days for Life

The latest **40 days for life campaign** is at Drake Circle in Raleigh from September 25 through November 3. KofC 7186 in communion with STMM Respect life committee have signed up with the national 40 days organization to cover the following Vigil hours: 9 AM - 10AM on October 26th, and November 2nd. Use your voice in prayer to defend those who haven't yet a voice of their own, those who are truly the least among us. Defend those who cannot defend themselves.

Please join us using the signup genius here or go to the 40 days site to signup for your own vigil hours.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A4BADA62BA13-40days1>

Knights Corner



*Calling all Catholic Men to the Knights of Columbus
"A Catholic Fraternal Service Organization"
4 Principles: Charity / Unity/ Fraternity / Patriotism*

Events: A big thanks to our volunteers and members of the parish who came out for the October Sunday parish breakfast. The next parish breakfast will be Sunday November 10th.

Our local St. Mary Magdalene council 7186 remains one of the most vibrant and engaged organizations within our community. Did you know your local Knights of Columbus support; weekly rosary on Thursday night in the Chapel for the entire family, Friday morning Men's Bible Study, Catholic Parish Outreach (CPO), Respect Life, Brookridge Assisted Living Resident Visits, Financial support for our Church and School. Consider joining our local council by contacting Dan Cantrell, Grand Knight.

Online membership program at: <http://kofc.org/un/joinus/en/index.html>

KofC 7186 council calendar of events: <https://kofc7186.org/calendar>

Parish Athletics

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www.ParishAthleticsNC.org

Winter Basketball (Apex)

Grades: Coed, Pre-K (4 year-olds) to 6th.

Dates: November - February.

Location: StMM Gym in Apex.

Cost: Pre-K & K, \$60; 1st & 2nd Grade, \$65; 3rd - 6th Grades, \$70; (includes medal, shirt, and picnic).

Format: Pre-K & K have practices/games on Saturdays; 1st - 6th Grades have week night practices and weekend games.

Spring Soccer (Apex-Cary)

Grades: Coed, Pre-K (3 year-olds) to 8th.

Dates: March - May.

Practice Locations: Apex or Cary, you pick.

Game Locations: Apex & Cary.

Cost: Pre-K - \$60; K - 8th grade - \$65; (includes medal, shirt, and picnic).

Note: Pre-K players have a combined practice/game on Saturdays. K - 8th graders have one weekday practice per week and weekend games.

Spring T-Ball and Machine

Pitch Baseball (Apex)

Grades: Coed, Pre-K (4 year-olds) to 4th.

Dates: April - June.

Practice Locations: Apex only.

Cost: \$65 (includes medal, shirt, and end of year picnic).

Note: Pre-K players have a combined practice/game on Saturdays. K-4th grade will have one weekday practice and a game on Saturday.

Spring Softcrosse (Apex)

Grades: Coed, K thru 5th.

Dates: April - June (6 weeks).

Days/Times: Sunday afternoons.

Location: Apex.

Cost: \$65 (includes medal and end of year picnic).

Equipment needed: Stick and mouth guard.
