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St. Mary Magdalene E-News

October 2, 2020

A Note From Father Chris

This weekend Jesus speaks to the chief priests and we here at St. Mary Magdalene will have our chief priest here this weekend. Welcome back Father Staib!

The **Saturday 5:00pm Mass** returns this weekend in the church. The **9:00am Mass** continues both in person and on livestream and outdoor communion as usual. The 6:00pm Sunday Youth Mass will be inside the church.

Youth Formation happily begins this week.

In commemoration of St. Francis of Assisi, the Blessing of Animals will be on Sunday at 3:00pm in the courtyard in front of the church.

I will be away on vacation this week and thank Fr. Staib for coming back to be with us.

Our Pastor Emeritus Fr. Staib ROCKS!

Yours in grateful service,

Fr. Chris

No Confessions this Saturday.

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2020-2021 National Collections

Jan - Latin America
Ash Wed Church - in Central & Eastern Europe
Feb - Black & Native American Mission
Mar - Catholic Relief Services
Feb-Apr - Rice Bowl
Good Fri - Holy Land
Apr - Home Missions
May - Catholic Communications
June - Peter's Pence
July - Mission Cooperative (Summer)
Aug - Priest Retirement
Sept - Catholic University
Oct - World Missions
Nov - Campaign for Human Development
Dec - Religious Retirement (Nuns & Friars)

First Friday Adoration

First Friday Adoration will be in the church today Friday October 2nd from 10am - 3pm. All are encouraged to pay a visit to the chapel throughout the day and spend some time in prayer. 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.

Please wear a mask and socially distance.

Mass This Weekend

There are four options for attending Mass this weekend.

1. 5:00 pm Saturday, Inside the Church, socially distanced, wearing face masks and hand sanitizing upon arrival
2. 9:00 am Inside the Church, socially distanced, wearing face masks and hand sanitizing upon arrival
3. 9:00 am Virtual online with Outdoor Communion Service in Parking Lot
https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC7wpkWA5NgzXgQgmIxtNRZA?view_as=subscriber
4. 6:00 pm Inside the Church, socially distanced, wearing face masks and hand sanitizing upon arrival

Mass Guidelines for Indoor Mass:

Church doors are locked when we reach capacity or Mass begins.

Please do not enter the church early so the staff can prepare for Mass.

Everyone should wear a facemask at all times.

Please be seated in designated sections only in pews with green check marks on the end of the row.

Please do not sit in pews marked with red "X" as that indicates that pew is "closed" for seating.

Please don't switch seats once you're in a designated pew.

Parishioners should sit socially distanced; at least six feet apart or one kneeler's length between families.



Pew Markers

Indoor Communion Procedures:

1. Please remain seated until the usher approaches your pew for communion.
2. As you leave your pew, hand sanitizer will be offered. If you cannot use hand sanitizer, please inform your usher who will arrange for you to be served at the end of communion distribution.
3. As you approach the Eucharistic Minister, notice the dots on the floor of the main aisle leading to the altar. Please advance from one dot to the next to remain socially distanced from others.
Please do not stand between the dots.
4. Please extend your arms fully in front of you towards the Eucharistic Minister with flattened hands to receive.
5. Once you receive the Eucharist, please step away from the Eucharistic Minister, remove your mask and consume the Eucharist. Replace your mask and return to the same pew you sat in prior to communion.

Our 9am Mass is Live Streamed!

Click [HERE](#) to Live Stream our 9am 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

Gathering: Table of Plenty	#311
Psalm 80: The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel. The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel.	
Preparation: Prayer of St. Francis	#525
Communion: Our God is Here	#305
Sending Forth: We are the Light of the World	#591

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Please see the link for outside [Distribution of Communion Instructions](#)

Picture of the Week



Avery Pawlowski, Tommy Leung, Ellie Peters, and Sadie Leith received First Communion on September 25th.

Sacraments



BAPTISMS - See the Guidelines on the Website - then email the Church Office, info@stmm.net. First time parents must attend a baptism class [a good time is during the 9 months prior to birth.] Please contact the Parish Office to schedule.

CONFESSIONS - Confessions are usually, but not every week, at 10:30am on Saturdays in the Church. **No Confessions** this Saturday, October 3rd.

WEDDINGS - See the Guidelines on the Website - then email weddings@stmm.net

Elementary Faith Formation



Gather Openings Nights begin next week. Please arrive by 6:30 pm in the Narthex of the church wearing a face mask. Temperature checks will occur and Hand sanitizer offered upon arrival.

First Wednesday of the month + Virtual Students 10/7/20

Second Tuesday of the month - 10/13/20

Third Wednesday of the month - 10/21/20

Gather Calendar for the 2020-21 School Year:

http://www.stmm.church/Youth_Ministry_Calendar_2020-21-First_Semester_4.pdf

Virtual Packet Pick up is available after all Weekend Masses beginning 10/7/20 outdoors on the side entrance of the church. Please take the envelope with your family name on it. A training video will be emailed home to parents the second Wednesday of every month.

Attention First Sacrament Families of children in Grade 2 GATHER, (both in person and virtual) and StMM School Grade 2 Families:

First Reconciliation Parent Meetings are set for

Wednesday 10/14/20 at 10:30 am & 7:00 pm

Thursday 10/15/20 at 10:30 am & 7:00 pm

Meeting will be held in the Chapel, following all COVID Safety protocols.

Materials will be distributed.

Contact Suzanne - will@stmm.net with your questions

Youth Ministry News



EDGE News

The EDGE will kick off Thursday October 8th from 6:30 - 7:45! Keep an eye out for our weekly newsletter which contains lots of pertinent info.

Please contact Janine McGann with any questions at janine.mcgann@gmail.com.

STMM Youth Ministry kicks off this Sunday with the following schedule:

Apostello meets from 4:30pm-5:45pm. Each Apostello group has been assigned a point of entry/exit and will receive a temperature check at that door upon entry. Each teen must also wear a mask. Teens should check with their Apostello leader for their entry/exit door & room location.

Youth Mass will be indoors at 6pm-7pm with a special visit from Fr. Staib to welcome us all back on campus!!!

The Way will be held from 7:15pm-8:30pm. Each small group has been assigned a point of entry/exit and will receive a temperature check at that door upon entry. Each teen must also wear a mask. This means that after youth mass, everyone must exit the church building before we can allow anyone to enter if

their small group is assigned a room in the church building.

Teens should check with their small group leader(s) for their entry/exit door & room location.

Please contact Liz Sams with any questions at liz.sams@gmail.com

StMM School News



NOW ACCEPTING 2021-22 APPLICATIONS

St. Mary Magdalene Catholic School is now accepting applications for the 2021-22 school year. Apply online by clicking [here](#).

Prospective three year old preschool parents, please note that our full day spots tend to fill up quickly. If you are interested in our program, you are encouraged to apply early. Children must be three years old by August 30, 2021 and potty trained to enter preschool.

Interested in a tour of our school? Schedule a virtual tour by clicking [here](#). Questions? Please contact Lydia Binanay, binanay@stmm.me, 919-657-4800 x7296.

Knights of Columbus Take Out Pasta Meal This Saturday

In celebration of the return of the 5pm Vigil Mass, our Knights of Columbus 7186 council at StMM is offering a take-out only pasta meal immediately after the conclusion of the 5pm Mass this Saturday, October 3rd. The meals are offered at no cost to parishioners - but donations to our KofC council to support charitable efforts here at StMM are greatly appreciated.

Please place your order at <http://stmm-takeout-dinner.square.site/Â> and if you wish to make a donation, please be sure to use the "tip" feature during checkout. Meals can be picked up from the carpool lane near the entrance to the activity building immediately after the 5pm Mass. We look forward to serving you on Saturday night!

Friday Morning Men's Faith Group

In the past two decades, more that 14 million Catholics have left the faith. We are facing a spiritual battle, and Catholic men are called to put aside any hesitation to live a life of mission. Join the **Friday Morning Men's Faith Group** from 6:45-8AM (virtual via Zoom) as we embark on a ten week program, **Into the Breach**, to discuss topics like masculinity, brotherhood, leadership, prayer, and evangelization. To step into the breach requires every man to have faith and take action. The **Into the Breach** series challenges men to seek greatness and to be heroically virtuous, to have a character marked by goodness and truth, strength and courage. If any men in the parish are interested in joining or would like more information, please contact Paul Mastropolo (pmastropolo@gmail.com). Additionally, here's is a [link](#) to Into the Breach - An Apostolic Exhortation to Catholic Men.

Altar Flower Donations



Take this opportunity to consider donating flowers to St. Mary Magdalene to beautify the altar and church for weekly Mass to honor our Lord. These flowers will be donated in honor of or in memory of your loved one.

Click on the sign up genius link and take the easy steps to choose partial or full

donation and send payment before your donation date. Your donation will be acknowledged in the bulletin. All instructions are in the sign up genius description. For questions, please contact floralministry@stmm.net.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0C4CABA82D6-stmary>

We are looking for parishioners gifted in the care of plants and flowers to volunteer to assist in keeping our church beautified. Please contact floralministry@stmm.net.

Respect Life News

October is Respect Life Month

A Prayer for Life

Father and maker of all,
you adorn all creation
with splendor and beauty,
and fashion human lives
in your image and likeness.
Awaken in every heart
reverence for the work of your hands,
and renew among your people
a readiness to nurture and sustain
your precious gift of life.

Grant this through our Lord
Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in
the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God forever and ever.
Amen

The Fall 40 Days For Life Campaign in Raleigh Begins

40 Days for life is a focused pro-life campaign with a vision to access God's Power through prayer and fasting, peaceful vigil and community outreach to end abortion. Its' mission is to bring together the Body of Christ in a spirit of unity during a focused 40 day campaign of prayer and fasting, peaceful vigil and community outreach with the purpose of repentance. To seek God's favor to turn hearts and minds from a culture of death to a culture of life, thus bringing an end to abortion.

Dates: Wednesday September 23 through Sunday November 1st.

Location: "A Women's Choice" 3305 Drake Circle, Raleigh, NC 27607

Times: 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM

Please Do Not Park In Any of the Parking Lots/Garage Near the site - you will be towed. Park on Harden Street which is around the corner from the clinic (see map)

For further information or to sign up go to <https://www.40daysforlife.com/local-campaigns/raleigh>

If you have never signed up you will need to Register: For questions go to: fortydfllraleigh@aol.com

St. Michael Parish is proud to announce a virtual presentation by Sister Helen Prejean, author of "Dead Man Walking", "The Death of Innocents", and "River of Fire" this October 5, 2020 from

7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Sister Helen is one of the country's foremost leaders in the efforts to abolish the death penalty. She will share her stories and will help anyone who is "seeking to lead a passionate and spiritual life that is wide awake to the struggles and creative opportunities of our world."

Sister Helen Prejean will discuss aspects of her new book, *River of Fire*, "the prequel to *Dead Man Walking*". How did this young woman who grew up in a white, middle-class family in the Jim Crow South find her way to the housing projects of New Orleans, and from there to accompany a man on death row to his execution?

Registration Link: <https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJMrcu6srz0jEtPOu9-n8nCNDQk1FOrnA1NC>

Rosary Thursday Nights

"The Rosary is .. the prayer of the ordinary people and the saints... it is a prayer from my heart." - Pope Francis Join the members of our parish praying the Rosary every Thursday at 7 p.m. Find STMM Rosary On FaceBook <https://www.facebook.com/STMM-Rosary-115180550121735/> and Instagram <https://instagram.com/stmmrosary?igshid=dk6zl88nql4t> . No experience necessary! Online guides are available from the Knights of Columbus. <http://www.kofc.org/en/resources/cis/devotionals/4772.pdf> you may leave prayer requests on the Rosary page even if you are unable to join us online. For more information or to leave a prayer request contact Joe Sebik @ joeysebik@gmail.com.

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 twenty six weekends, we have served more than 13,660 meals 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](#)

The KofC 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!

RCIA



Are you interested in becoming Catholic? Are you Catholic but not confirmed? We can help! Classes have begin, but it is not too late to join. Will you join us? Please contact Scott and Kathy Strednak at rcia@stmm.me with any questions.

Catholic Parish Outreach

Dear Friends,

CPO, Catholic Parish Outreach, is in great need of your empty paper and plastic grocery bags. If you could please bring them to daily and Sunday masses now through the holidays we would be most grateful. Please place them in the bin in the church narthex (inside the back of the church). Thank you for your continued support!

Your Friends at CPO

Wedding Anniversary Mass

To honor those celebrating wedding anniversaries this year,
the Diocese of Raleigh through the Department of Married Life
invites you to receive an



Anniversary Year

Commemorative Certificate

SPECIAL CERTIFICATES ARE AVAILABLE FOR COUPLES
CELEBRATING 25, 50, AND 60 YEARS OF MARRIAGE.

For couples interested in receiving a certificate:
please register by November 1, 2020
<https://raldioc.configio.com/go/wam2020>

For questions, call 919-821-9753

Out of concern for the health and well-being
of the people in our diocese, the
2020 Wedding Anniversary Mass will not take place.

The Most Reverend Luis Rafael Zarama will offer a
special Mass intention for the anniversary couples, and
the strengthening of the sacramentality of marriage.



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Adult Faith Formation Opportunities

ADULT FAITH FORMATION OPTIONS: STMM offers a wide variety of adult faith formation options, and some are continuing to meet virtually during the pandemic. Prayerfully consider how you can grow deeper in your faith and download our brochure of options by [clicking here](#).

For more information and for the point of contact for each ministry, please see the website: [Ministry Contacts](#)

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