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St. Mary Magdalene E-News October 4, 2019

A Note From Father Donald Staib

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.'

I am grateful to our staff for having Communion Services on Monday and Tuesday this week while I am away.

For the past year we have been assisting a parish and school in Haiti as a sister parish. Next weekend the pastor will come to talk to us directly about the needs of his parish.

CONFESSIONS: There will be Confessions this Saturday, October 5 at 10:30 and on Saturday October 12 at 10:30.

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





Over the years, I have come to see St. Jerome not as the cranky, old man often panned by his critics, nor an other-worldly superhero whose piety and moral virtue seem to be much too lofty to emulate (as most saints seem to be to me).

Rather, Jerome's brokenness acts as a mirror and invites me to see that my own brokenness may direct me outward from my parched inner landscape toward God's ebullient fecundity. For, it was in the recognition of his inordinate desire for the beauty of literature-prompted by his fever-induced vision-that led Jerome to receive exculpation after crying out to the Judge from deep within: "Lord, have mercy on me! - Stuart Squires

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



Wedding of Lauren Colberg and Matthew Kalberg on September 28th

Elementary Religious Ed

All Elementary Program Families: We have opened wide the StMM doors to all our families for another year of faith-filled learning with our volunteer catechists. We will again be partnering with Catholic Parish Outreach in helping the poor right here in Wake County communities with our monthly contributions of packaged toilet paper. As we all certainly are aware that this non-food need is always in demand in daily life. Each grade has been assigned a specific month for contributions. Please mark your calendars for your child/ren's month. Please be as generous as your means will allow and many thanks in advance for your generosity.

Collection Dates/Mark Your Calendars for Toilet Paper

Donations:

Grades PK/K/Intermediate Sacrament Students: October 20th & 23rd

Grade 1 Students: November 10th & 13th

Grade 2 Students: January 12th & 15th

Grade 3 Students: February 9th & 12th

Grade 4 Students: March 15th & 18th

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** are set for Monday, November 18th in Church Room 3 at 10-30-11:30 am OR 7:00-8:00 pm and Tuesday November 19th 10:30 - 11:30 am OR 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. Contact Suzanne - will@stmm.net with your questions.

Helpful Information to Stay Informed www.stmm.church

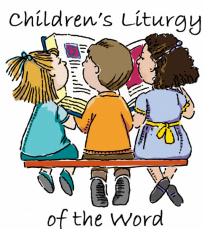


Substitute Catechists are needed for Sundays 12-1:15 pm and Wednesdays 6:30-7:45 pm. Lesson plans & all materials are provided each week. This ministry welcomes retirees, working parents, stay at home parents & confirmed looking for service hours. Please contact Suzanne will@stmm.net



The ROCK will not meet this Sunday, October 6th, due to the EDGE Retreat.

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 will@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

All StMM YM programs are off this Sunday, October 6th due to the EDGE Retreat

There is no Youth Mass this Sunday 10/6/19

Please pray for all the teens and adults heading out on the EDGE Retreat this weekend!!

We'll return on Sunday 10/13/19 with all our programs on their normal time and schedule

We will be hosting our good friend Fr Joe from Haiti at the Youth Mass on 10/13!!!!

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>

SERVICE OPPORTUNITY: STMM YM is looking for 15 teens who are 12 years and older to be 'buddies' for Miracle League on Saturday, October 12th from 10:45am-12:45pm. Please contact Liz Sams for a buddy form to complete and bring with you to the field on 10/12. Miracle League is a wonderful organization that pairs buddies with special needs kids to enjoy a great day playing baseball!!! Awesome service opportunity! Games are played at Adams Elementary in Cary near Cary Towne Center

HS Girls Retreat "Speaking to Sparrows" registration is now open. Forms will be available at The Way

on Sunday at the sign in table in the lobby. 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

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 7, 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 October 4. 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.

Respect Life Month

As part of **Respect Life Month**, StMM will be participating in the Baby Bottle Campaign Fundraiser for Birthchoice Pregnancy Center. Birthchoice provides free Pregnancy Tests and Ultrasounds to over 1000 women who are vulnerable to abortion each year. By giving these women complete and accurate information and connecting them with available resources nearly 80% choose life for their baby. Volunteers will be handing out empty baby bottles the weekend of October 12th & 13th. Please take one home and fill it with your spare change, dollar bills or checks made Payable to "Birthchoice" and return it the weekend of October 19th & 20th.

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.

"Living in the Power of the Holy Spirit"

Want to bring a spark to your Christian faith?

Want to have scripture leap off the page with new meaning?

Want to experience a new intimacy in your relationship with JESUS?

ATTEND

St. Mary Magdalene Church



LIVING IN THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Four talks, reflection, small group discussion and an opportunity to be prayed with to stir up of the graces of the Holy Spirit that we receive in Baptism.

October 26, 2019

8:30 AM to 4:30 PM

(Continental breakfast provided, bring your own lunch)

Classroom 4

RSVP to Art Klaum artklaum61@gmail.com or
rondatroywatts@gmail.com by 10/19/19

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, October 21, 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* We are literally covering people in prayer. A prayer quilt is a lap blanket with ties. A prayer is said with each knot that is tied. All quilts are blessed by Father Staib. To request a prayer quilt to be made for someone or if you are interested in sewing for this group or donating fabric or would like to make



contributions to this group, please contact Lorraine Morris at lcmorris0707@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.

Welcome Dinner



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A soup and salad welcome meal for new members of the parish will be held Saturday Oct 12th in the St Martha hall (the activities building cafeteria) immediately after the 5:00pm mass. We encourage representatives of St Mary Magdalene ministries to attend and to introduce themselves. We also need volunteers to help with meal preparation and setup. If you would like to attend the dinner or volunteer to help, please call Christine Agius at 919-

Gardening Group



Garden Group News - **AZALEA PLANTING DAY - SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5th !** - Saint Mary Magdalene is the proud recipient of 50 Encore Azaleas, compliments of WRAL. Help is needed to get these beautiful additions to the church landscaping planted, mulched and watered. Plan to gather in the parking lot next to the Columbarium at 11:00 AM. Please bring a shovel and garden rake if you have them. This is a great service hour opportunity for middle school students and scouts.

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 12th, 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/10COA4BADA62BA13-40days1>

Knights of Columbus

Your Knights at StMM Council 7186 have been active in: Hurricane Florence relief, CPO Food Drive & Paint Project, Coats for Kids, Building the Domestic Church, StMM Parish Projects (i.e. Church rose circular window, Project Light, Columbarium prayer garden, etc.), Boy Scout Eagle Projects, Free Throw Championships, Chess



Tournament, Visiting Seniors, Serving meals at Men's Homeless Shelter, raise funds to assist people with intellectual disabilities in NC thru "Least Among My Brethren," (LAMB) foundation. *Are You Being Called? Please join us to help those in need.*

Calendar of Events:

- *Saturday October 26th: Brookridge Assisted Living Resident Visits in Apex (10:30am & 3:00pm), Sign-up <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0a4cacaf292-brookridge>*
- *40 Days of Life Campaign: 9am to 10am in Drake Circle, Raleigh: Oct 12, Oct 26, Nov 2*
- *Sunday Oct 13th Parish Breakfast: served in the activity building cafeteria after 9am Mass*
- *Pray the Rosary - Every Thursday at 7pm in StMM Chapel - No experience necessary! Rosaries and prayer cards provided by StMM Knights of Columbus.*
- *Rosary for Life - Fourth Saturday of every month from 8:00 - 10:00AM at Drake Circle in Raleigh*
- *Thursday November 7: KofC Council 7186 Business Meeting, 7:30pm in the StMM church building*

For more information to becoming a Knight: Visit our website: <http://kofc7186.org> Please contact: Grand Knight (Dan Cantrell) at gkkofc7186@gmail.com or contact our Membership Committee at MembershipKofC7186@gmail.com
