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St. Mary Magdalene E-News September 18, 2020

A Note From Father Chris



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Jesus tells a parable this Sunday that invites everyone to work in the vineyard. Workers representing different stages of time and life are each invited to work and to receive. We are thankful for the catechists that are preparing to teach the youth this fall and our RCIA catechists starting a new class for those joining the church.

This Sunday, the **9:00am Mass** will be in-person following all safety guidelines. Please come early to Mass wearing your masks. We will stop seating folks once the Mass begins. The livestream broadcast and the communion stations outside continue as before for those in vulnerable categories. The Youth Mass is back this Sunday at 6:00pm outside behind the church. We hope to open the church slowly and safely for the Weekend Masses as we are able. Continued prayers for effective treatments and a vaccine.

Let us meet working in the vineyard of God's kingdom.

Gratefully yours,

Fr. Chris

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to Offertory**

Reminder: The Chapel is open during the week from 9am - 12pm. The single metal door into the chapel lobby will be unlocked.

StMM Church Opens this Sunday, September 20th

There are three options for attending Mass this Sunday.

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

Mass Guidelines for Indoor Mass at 9am:

Church doors will be locked at 9:00 am when Mass begins.

Everyone should wear a facemask at all times.

Please be seated in designated sections only in pews with a 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.

Mass Guidelines for Outdoor Mass at 6pm:

Please do not arrive before 5:30pm as the back parking lot will not open until then

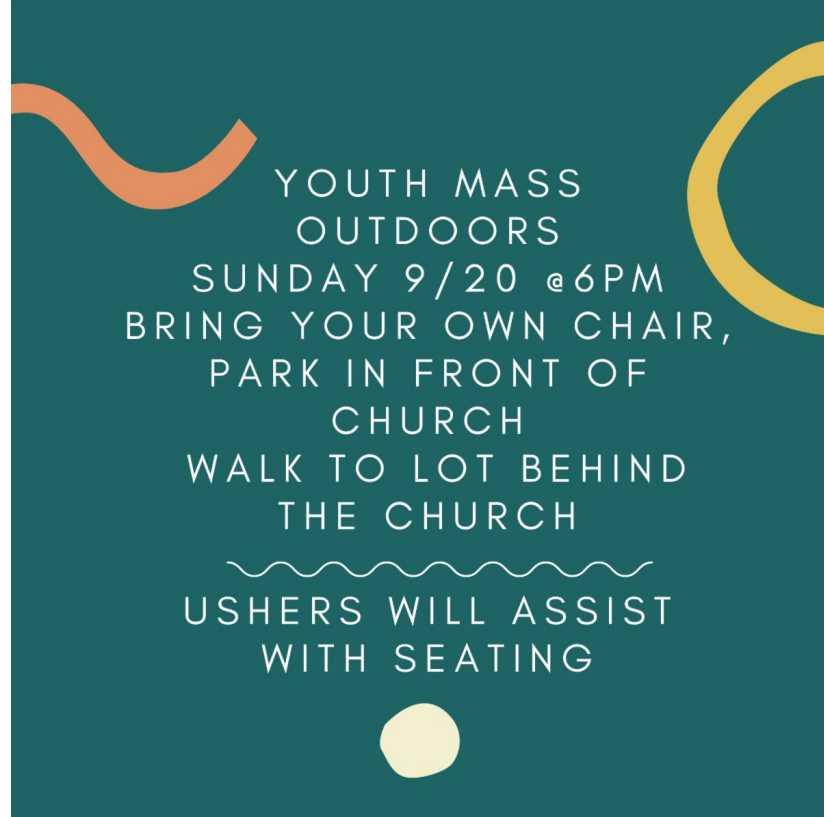
Please park in the spaces in the FRONT of the church

Bring your own chair & walk around to the back of the church

Every other parking spot will be open for you to place your chairs in. This will allow parishioners to sit socially distanced

Communion Procedures for Outdoor Mass:

1. Please remain in your parking spot until the usher & Eucharistic Minister approach your spot for communion. The EM's will move up and down the parking rows, please stay put.
2. The usher will give everyone in your parking spot hand sanitizer. 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, please extend your arms fully in front of you towards the Eucharistic Minister with flattened hands to receive.
4. Once you receive the Eucharist, please step to the side away from the EM, remove your mask and consume the Eucharist. Replace your mask and return to your chair.



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 9/20/20

Gathering: Sing of the Lord's Goodness	#562
Psalm 145: The Lord is near to all who call upon him.	
Preparation: You are the Light	#588
Communion: Your Words are Spirit and Light	#592
Sending Forth: We Are Called	#616

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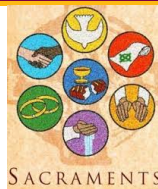
Please see the link for outside [Distribution of Communion Instructions](#)

Picture of the Week



Taylor Govan and Peter Bolebruch were married
on September 10th

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. Confessions this Saturday, September 19th.

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

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.

The 2020 Annual Parish Financial Report is now on the website. [Click here to view](#)

DONATE NOW TO OUR NEW CHURCH

(Click on the above link to Donate)

Elementary Faith Formation



Gather Openings Nights in October are:

First Wednesday of the month - 10/7/20

Second Tuesday of the month + Virtual Students - 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](http://www.stmm.church/Youth_Ministry_Calendar_2020-21-First_Semester_4.pdf)

Youth Ministry News



EDGE News

Edge regular registration has officially ended. We will be accepting late registration forms. Please note, there is a \$50 late fee. Registration through paper form will be accepted until September 30th. You can print out a [form here](#).

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.

The Way and Apostello News

The Way and Apostello: Online registration has now closed for both programs. Please contact Liz at liz.sams@gmail.com with any questions.

Youth Ministry kicks off on Sunday, 10/4 & the calendar for the first semester can be found here: [http://www.stmm.church/ Youth Ministry Calendar 2020-21-First Semester 1.pdf](http://www.stmm.church/Youth_Ministry_Calendar_2020-21-First_Semester_1.pdf)

StMM School News



ADMISSIONS FOR 2021-22 OPENING ON SEPTEMBER 28th

Admissions will open for the 2021-22 school year on Monday, September 28th. Once admissions open, applications will be accepted online by clicking [here](#). 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.

CITY BBQ FUNDRAISER BENEFITING StMM PSO

Join the StMM PSO on Monday, September 28th from 11am-8pm at City BBQ at 1305 Kildaire Farm Rd, Cary in the Shoppes of Kildaire shopping center. You get a Monday night off cooking and yummy BBQ, and the PSO gets 20% donated by City BBQ! Or, treat your friends, online learners or co-workers to lunch.

There are 3 easy options to order. Order takeout online (<https://order.citybbq.com/menu/cary>) or on the City BBQ app using the code "FundA". They offer curbside pickup too! Or, you may order in the restaurant for dine-in or carry-out. Just show a picture of the City BBQ graphic in this newsletter or mention the code "FundA" to the cashier. **Remember: no matter how you order, use code "FundA" to help the PSO!** Unfortunately, orders placed through third-party delivery services do not count in our fundraiser, so please order from City BBQ directly and use code "FundA".

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Plant and Flower Volunteers

We are looking for parishioners gifted in the care of plants and flowers to volunteer to assist in keeping our church beautified. Please contact joanang2020@gmail.com.

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>

Bereavement Ministry

The Bereavement Ministry Program initiated in our parish in July assists the bereaved family at a critical time immediately following the death of a loved one. Volunteers will be asked to reach out to the family to arrange for a meal to be delivered to their home. If you are interested in assisting your fellow parishioners in this new ministry, or have questions, kindly email Theresa Parish at bereavementministry@stmm.net.

40 Days for Life

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

Chrysalis - Marriage Enrichment Ministry

Calling all married couples! The Chrysalis marriage enrichment ministry is looking forward to beginning our 2020-2021 calendar on September 27th! All activities in 2020 are anticipated to be virtual. This year we will be doing a book study of Pope Francis' book The Joy of Love. Hard Copy and Audiobook versions will be available for you to use! Please visit our website sites.google.com/view/stmmchrysalis for more information, or complete our registration form to notify us of your interest in participating this year: tinyurl.com/STMMchrysalis20202021

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=dk6z188nql4t> . 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 @ joeyselik@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 first twenty weekends, we have served almost 11,000 dinners 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.



Cardinal Gibbons News

ADMISSIONS NEWS

The Gibbons Positioning System (GPS) program welcomes 8th-grade students who are interested in potentially attending Cardinal Gibbons High School. Gibbons students and educators will host visitors by sharing activities and giving them a glimpse inside Gibbons. The visits will begin at 8:15 a.m. and end at 10:15 a.m.

Due to COVID-19, we will begin by offering a few days: September 23, 30, and October 21. We will add dates as we are able, ensuring our continued commitment to the health and safety of our Gibbons families and visitors.

We welcome you to come engage with us at Gibbons and see what everyone is so excited about! Please register for one of the four GPS dates at <https://www.cghsnc.org/admissions/visit>

Also, mark your calendar for October 5, 2020. That's when Cardinal Gibbons High School's application for 2021-2022 will be available online.

For more information about admissions, please contact Marianne McCarty, Director of Admissions at mmccarty@cghsnc.org

ENGAGEMENT OPPORTUNITY

Cardinal Gibbons is hosting its annual Crusader Classic Golf Tournament, Monday, October 5, 2020 at MacGregor Downs Country Club in Cary, NC. All are welcome to participate as golfers, sponsors, or donors. For more information please visit www.cghsnc.org/golftournament

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](#)

Adult Faith Formation Survey Results

2020 Parish Survey Results - Installment 3 of 4

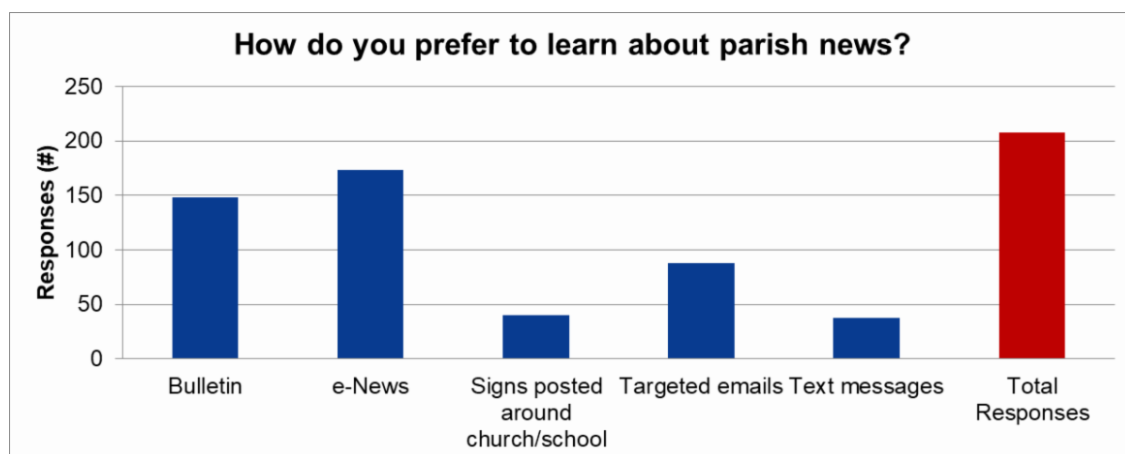
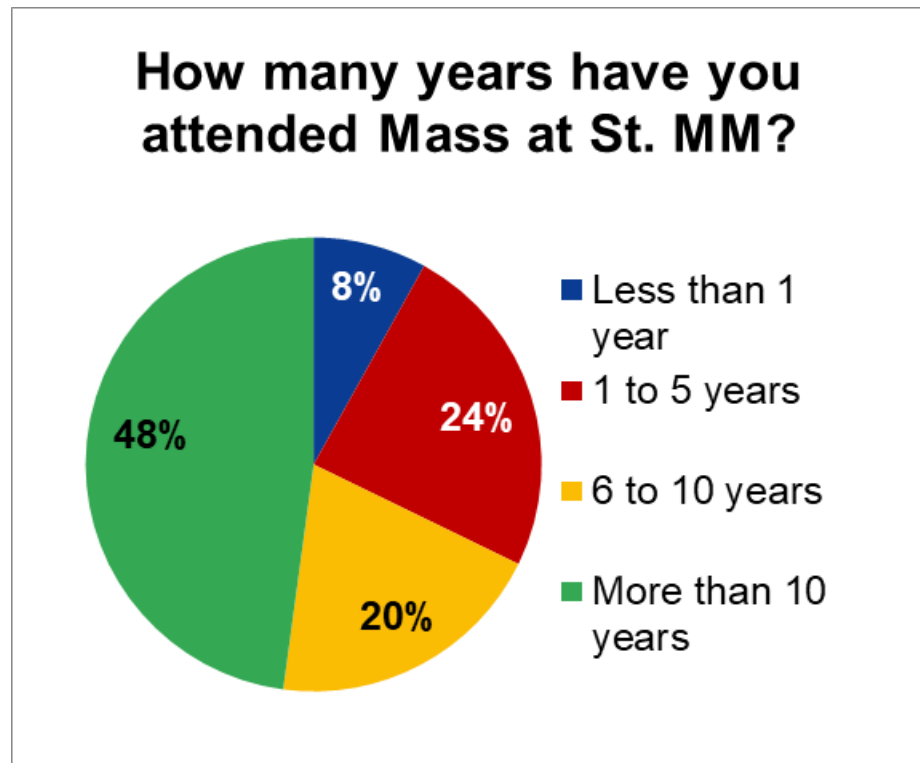
Thank you to everyone who participated in or assisted with the 2020 Parish Survey which was conducted in the spring of this year. We received a fantastic response from **211 members of the Parish!** We'd like to share some of the results with you over the course of the month of September, and tell you more about what we'll be doing with this data. Please note that the data collected and presented here is only a sample of the parish.

- Respondents who provided their contact information and expressed interest in a particular adult ministry have been contacted by the respective leaders of that ministry.
- A summary of the data specific to current members and parishioners interested in each existing

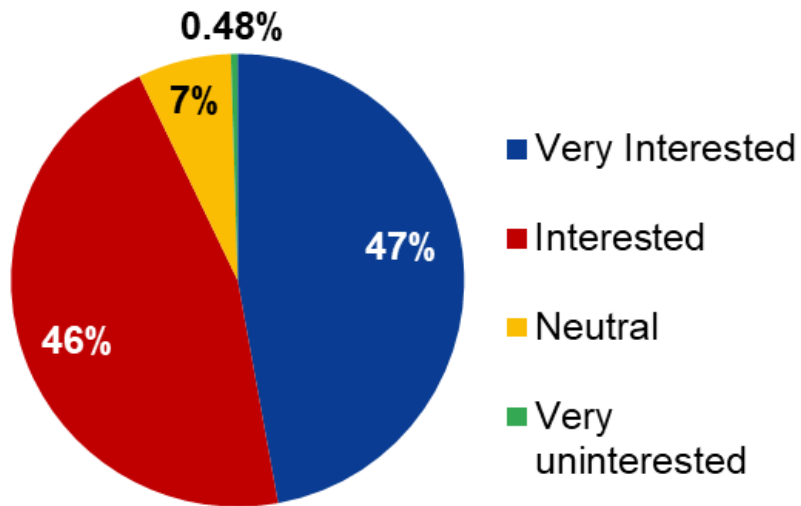
adult ministry has been shared with the ministry leaders.

- The survey data has been shared with Father Chris and the Parish Council.
- During the fall, please keep your eyes out for excerpts in the weekly ENews and brief presentations during mass highlighting individual adult ministries and how you can stay involved during the pandemic.
- Once we're able to gather in person again, we'll be looking at starting new adult ministries based on suggestions provided by the survey respondents.

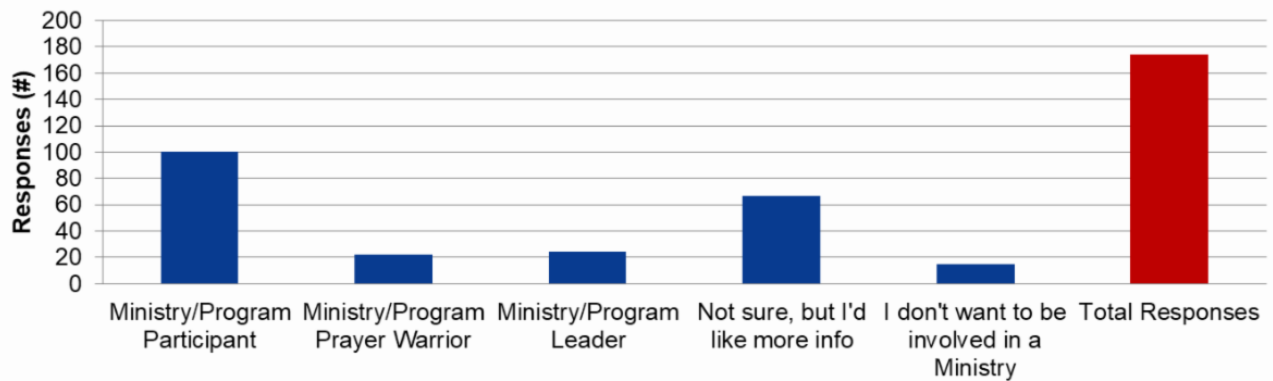
Please see below for installment **3 of 4** of the survey data summary which focuses on survey respondents' preferences and interests:



Interest Level



How would you like to participate?



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