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## St. Mary Magdalene E-News August 16, 2019

### A Note From Father Donald Staib

We welcome on Wednesday our StMM students, faculty, parents, and new Principal John Mihalyo to a new school year - this begins our 20<sup>th</sup> year. May it be a year of spiritual and educational growth for all of us.

Today we will have a 'Back to School' Mass at 4 pm to welcome our StMM school children who begin school on August 21. We ask God for goodness and guidance during the coming months. Thank you to all who have been a part of our school and helped us through the years.

Our 2<sup>nd</sup> collection for retired priests of our Diocese last weekend was \$6,018. All my retired priest friends are most grateful for your generosity.

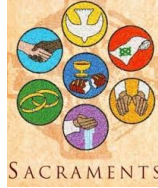
**CONFESSIONS:** There will be Confessions on Saturday August 17 10:30, after Baptisms. Also there will be Confessions on Saturday August 24, after Baptisms.

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

Jeremiah's preaching divided the city and incited such opposition that people sought his death. Standing in this prophetic tradition, Jesus, too, preaches a word which divides families and leads ultimately to his death.

None of us seeks or desires division and strife, especially among those whom we cherish most. Sometimes, however, the choice is so clear and the values are so important, that we accept division and strife as a consequence of our choice.

## 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



Our Church during Mass on the Assumption

## Parish Religious Education Program

**Catechists/Core Team are Needed for the upcoming school Year. There are many opportunities for you to become involved with the children of our STMM Community. Joining this ministry is a great way to enhance your prayer life and enjoy the fruits of fellowship. There will be an adult, on-site retreat offered on site in September to prepare you for our mission. Please prayerfully consider joining our amazing team.**

**Requirements include:**

- being a baptized Catholic in good standing with the Church
- a willingness to serve  $1\frac{1}{4}$  hours per week to a specific grade either Sunday afternoon 12:00 - 1:15 pm, Tuesday evenings 5:00 - 6:15 pm or Wednesday nights 6:30 - 7:45 pm
- Level C Safe Environment approved (which we provide the class here on campus).

## Positions Available:

- Teacher/Assistant Teacher/Catechist PREP Grades Pre-K - 4
- Small Group Leader (by gender) the ROCK - Grades 5 - 6
- AV Person - the ROCK
- Door Monitors - grant access to lobby using Lobby Guard
- Social Media Person - keeps program participants apprised of program events via Twitter, Instagram & Facebook with info provided by Coordinator



Registration is Open for 2019-20 Parish Religious Education Program (PREP) on [www.stmm.church](http://www.stmm.church). Registration will run until August 31<sup>st</sup>. Our programs begin the week of September 22. For a complete description of this program go to [www.stmm.church](http://www.stmm.church), please select "Religious Education", select "Elementary." You will see the links to specific information on the column to the right as well as registration instructions by clicking "Parish Religious Education Online Registration Instructions."



Catechesis of the Good Shepherd - Registration is opens and runs through August 31<sup>st</sup> on [www.stmm.church](http://www.stmm.church) Program begins the week of September 22, 2019. This is a Montessori based catechetical program offered in levels of mixed grade groups. Each session is capped at ten students per class. Students must be age appropriate by August 31<sup>st</sup> each year. Sessions will take place in the Atrium (old chapel) in the Activities Building. Programs runs from late September through April/early May depending on the Feast of Pentecost each liturgical year. For more information about this second Religious Education Program option, please visit <http://www.stmm.church/religious-ed/catechesis.cfm>



New for 2019-20 "THE ROCK" (Reaching Out for Christ). A new youth group for 5th/6th grade. The ROCK will meet on Sundays from 12:00-1:15 pm right after 10:45 mass in the Narthex of the Church. It will have a similar flavor to our other relational ministry youth groups. Register online at [www.stmm.church](http://www.stmm.church)

## 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 Mass. Soon, we will begin another faith-filled journey. Will you join us? Let's have a conversation. Please contact Scott and Kathy Strednak at [rcia@stmm.net](mailto:rcia@stmm.net) with any questions.

Inquiry Sessions will be after the Masses on August 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> in Room #1 and August 26 in Room #4 at 7:30pm. We will be available for any questions you may have about the RCIA process.

## Safe Environment Training



location.

**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 sessions are Sun, 8/25 at noon; Thurs, 8/29 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](mailto:bsmith@stmm.net)) to register and to get meeting

## First Friday Adoration

**First Friday Adoration** will begin again on Friday September 6. 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](mailto: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 Sep 8-14. Please stop by tables in the lobby the weekend of August 24-25 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](mailto:mbwire@gmail.com) or 919-749-8932 with questions.

## Out of the Darkness Walk

**Out of the Darkness Walk (American Foundation of Suicide Prevention)** - When you walk with us, you join with hundreds of people from our community to raise awareness and funds that allow the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (AFSP) to invest in new research, create educational programs, advocate for public policy, and support survivors of suicide loss. Most of the funds raised are used here in North Carolina. The walk is September 29th at 1 pm in Fuquay-Varina. For questions or more information on how you can walk with my team, contact Mike Rota at [mikerota2018@gmail.com](mailto:mikerota2018@gmail.com). To donate to my team (Susie's Vintage Monarchs - NC Team) or form your own team, you can visit the walk website: <https://afsp.donordrive.com/index.cfm?fuseaction=donorDrive.event&eventID=5961>.

## 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, September 16, 9:30 - 11:00 AM, in Church meeting room #1. For more information, please contact Miriam Moore, [miriamdel79@yahoo.com](mailto:miriamdel79@yahoo.com), 919-387-8676 or Fran Hughes, [gmomfran@gmail.com](mailto:gmomfran@gmail.com).

## Boy Scout Troop 224



**Interested in Joining Boy Scouts?** Boys grades 6 - 12 are encouraged to join Boy Scouts of America, Troop 224. We meet every Tuesday at 7 - 8:30 pm at STMM Room #201. We go camping, white water rafting, hiking, etc monthly. If interested please contact Chris Vardis, [cvardis11@gmail.com](mailto:cvardis11@gmail.com)

## Extraordinary Minister Training



**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion in the Sacred Liturgy Training** date is set for Sunday, August 25th from 2p-4p in Church Room 4. Use the entrance behind the statue of Jonah on the piazza. Contact Lisa at [lisa.westberg@duke-energy.com](mailto:lisa.westberg@duke-energy.com) by Friday, August 23rd, if attending.

## Cub Scout Pack 224

**A new Cub Scouting year is beginning!** Cub Scout Pack 224 is welcoming boys and girls from Kindergarten to 5th grade for our 2019-20 Scouting year. We meet Tuesdays at StMM school from 7-8 pm. Join us for camping, service and fun! If interested in our Pack,



please contact our Pack Recruiter at [recruit@apexpack224.org](mailto:recruit@apexpack224.org).

## Daytime Bible Study



**StMM Daytime Bible Study 2019-2020** - Our study program this year is **The Bible Timeline: The Story of Salvation**. This study from Ascension Press covers the whole story of the Bible. The study consists of reading and questions at home, then discussion and a video when we meet together. We will meet for 24 weeks from Sept. 2019 - April 2020. Tuesdays from 1-3 pm starting Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup> in Room 4 in the Church. Cost: Approx. \$37  
Contact: Laurie Wendt, [lauriewendt@gmail.com](mailto:lauriewendt@gmail.com) or 919-303-5433 Please let me know if you are interested so I may order the materials

## Gardening Work Group



Seeking parishioners to participate in a gardening work group. Group will focus on enhancing the parish landscape through seasonal workdays and landscape enhancement projects. No prior gardening experience necessary, just an interest in enjoying time with fellow parishioners while enhancing the natural beauty of the Saint Mary Magdalene Campus. If you are interested, please contact Karen Clemmer at [kclemmer4@gmail.com](mailto:kclemmer4@gmail.com).

## Men's Bible Study



The Men's Bible Study, consisting of men from St. Andrews & St. Mary Magdalene, is starting a Catholic Scripture Study ([www.cssprogram.net](http://www.cssprogram.net)) on Humanae Vitae and the Gospel of Mark. The group meets Sunday evenings from 6:30 PM - 8 PM in Room #4 of STMM's Church building. The first lesson is on Sunday September 8<sup>th</sup>. All men are welcome. The deadline for signup is September 1st and the cost of materials is estimated to be about \$40. If you are interested, please contact Mike Barnack at 919-363-1948 or [stm4@nc.rr.com](mailto:stm4@nc.rr.com).

## Parish Athletics Fall Sports

### Fall Soccer (Apex-Cary)

**Grades:** Coed, Pre-K (3 year-olds) to 8<sup>th</sup>.

**Dates:** August - October.

**Practice Locations:** Apex or Cary, you pick.

**Game Locations:** Apex & Cary.

**Cost:** Pre-K - \$60; K - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade - \$65; includes medal, shirt, and picnic.

**Note:** Pre-k players have a combined practice/game on Saturdays.

K- 8<sup>th</sup> graders have one weekday practice and weekend games.

### Fall Baseball (Apex)

**Grades:** Coed, Pre-K (4 year-olds) to 4<sup>th</sup>.

**Dates:** September - October.

**Game Locations:** Apex.

**Cost:** \$65; includes medal, shirt, and picnic.

**Note:** Pre-k players have a combined practice/game on Saturdays.

K - 4<sup>th</sup> graders have one weekday practice and weekend games.

### Fall Flag Football (Apex-Cary)

**Grades:** Coed, Pre-K (4 year-olds) to 5<sup>th</sup>.

**Dates:** September - November.

**Game Locations:** Apex or Cary.

**Cost:** Pre-K, \$55; K - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade, \$60 includes medal, shirt, picnic

**Note:** Pre-k players have a combined practice/game on Saturdays. Kindergarteners - 5<sup>th</sup> graders have one weekday practice per week and games on Friday nights.

### Fall Softcrosse (Apex)

**Ages:** K - 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade & 3<sup>rd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade.

**Dates:** Sundays Sept 8 - Oct 13 (six weeks)

K-2: 2 - 3pm

3-5: 3 - 4pm

Age groups will practice together and scrimmage for an hour each.

**Cost:** \$65

**Details:** Softcrosse is designed for beginners to intermediate players who want to learn the fundamentals of Lacrosse with a focus on stick skills.

**Equipment:** stick and mouthguard

Register at [www.parishathleticsnc.org](http://www.parishathleticsnc.org)

## Knights of Columbus



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

**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 August 24th:** Brookridge Assisted Living Resident Visits in Apex (10:30am & 3:00pm), Sign-up <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0a4cacaf292-brookridge>
- **Tuesday August 27th:** Men's Homeless Shelter Meals, Signup (5:15pm-6:30pm) <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d4ea4ab2a1-mens>
- **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

### For more information to becoming a Knight:

Visit our website: <http://kofc7186.org>

**Please contact:** Grand Knight (Dan Cantrell) at [gkkofc7186@gmail.com](mailto:gkkofc7186@gmail.com) or contact our Membership Committee at [MembershipKofC7186@gmail.com](mailto:MembershipKofC7186@gmail.com)

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