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### St. Mary Magdalene E-News August 23, 2019

#### A Note From Father Donald Staib

In the lobby today there is opportunity for people to find information about our parish RCIA [Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults] program. This is for anyone who wishes to inquire about the Catholic faith. Our RCIA group meets on Monday evenings.

RCIA time is for asking questions. Someone asked Jesus a question in today's Gospel. In Jesus' response it is ironic that the 'narrow gate' for entering God's kingdom revolves around our developing a very broad mind.

Congratulations to all who made the opening day of school a joyous event this past week. Our students will begin the weekly Thursday 8:15 Mass this coming week.

**CONFESSIONS:** There will be Confessions on Saturday August 24 at 10:30, after Baptisms. Also there will be Confessions on Saturday August 31, after Baptisms.

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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

In the Gospel Jesus continues on the road to Jerusalem. He is now about halfway through the journey that He began in chapter 9 of Luke's Gospel.

Along the way Jesus meets Samaritans, women, men, children, Pharisees, scholars, people who are lame, people who suffer from leprosy, people who are blind, a rich official, and tax collectors. To each of these diverse groups, Jesus proclaims the same message: the kingdom of God is at hand. In all that He does Jesus speaks the kingdom and lives the kingdom.

Today's Gospel gives us another vision of what this kingdom is about. The way to enter is 'narrow,' but inside the kingdom we will find people of every race, nation, and tongue.

## 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)

## Pictures of the Week



High School Beach Retreat at Fort Caswell



JCrew retreat this week



Crew Retreat this week



Start of the school year

## Elementary Religious Ed

*Registration for all our Elementary Programs ends Saturday, August 31, 2019.*

Volunteer 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 in early 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
- AV Person - the ROCK
- 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 31st 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) by August 31, 2019

## 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 24th and 25th 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.

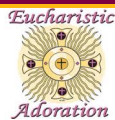
## Safe Environment Training



**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 Thurs, 8/29 at 6:30pm; Tues, 9/17 at 1pm. 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

location.

## 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.

## Discipleship Quads

Being a Disciple is both following Jesus and sharing Jesus (making other Disciples). Franciscan University has created a resource, which is 100% FREE online, to help you accomplish both. Discipleship Quads is a group of four people who journey together for a year, learning about their Catholic faith and how to be a disciple of Jesus. They also receive a process to go forth and make other disciples once the year is complete. For more information, as well as all the free resources needed to get started, visit <https://steubenvilleconferences.com/discipleship-quads/> Contact Joe or Laura Werner at [wernerLhome@gmail.com](mailto:wernerLhome@gmail.com)

## 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)

## 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).

## Knights of Columbus



Thank You Letter for 2018 - 2019

Knights of Columbus Council 7186 would like to thank our StMM Parish Community for their help and support in achieving the following in 2018-2019:

- Funded StMM Seminarian for expenses; and Men in 30 Day Faith Challenge.
- Hosted Project Light Speaking to Sparrows Screening Fundraiser at StMM.
- Moved Deacon John's Library to StMM Church (60 boxes & 30 bookcases).
- Donated food, money and coats for kids to CPO; and painted facility
- Set up Nativity outside StMM during Christmas season.
- Provided ~400 Hours of relief to victims of Hurricane Florence thru loading trucks and transporting/delivering supplies for 30 days to NC Coast.
- Donated \$2.7K to organizations who serve those with intellectual disabilities,
- \$1.5K for Commercial refrigerator at StMM School and \$5K to StMM Church.
- Hosted Free Throw Competitions and Dioceses Chess Tournament at StMM.
- Visited Seniors at Assisted Living Center and Served food at Men's Shelter.
- Donated \$2K to Respect for Life Gala; and ran and weekly Rosary at StMM.

God Bless You All & Vivat Jesus  
Council 7186 Grand Knight

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