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### St. Mary Magdalene E-News August 9, 2019

#### A Note From Father Donald Staib

The August weeks before school opens seem quiet. Though we know for some people there has been, not quiet, but sorrow and loss.



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Pope Francis said this last week: 'I am spiritually close to the victims of the episodes of violence that these days have bloodied Texas, California and Ohio, in the United States, affecting defenseless people. I invite you to join in my prayer for those who have lost their lives, for the wounded and for their families.'

In other opportunities I noticed Pope Francis also used the word 'defenseless' for people who are victims of trafficking and for refugees.

Next Sunday we will have a 'Back to School' Mass at 4 pm to welcome our StMM school children who begin school on August 20.

There is a second collection this weekend for Priest Retirement.

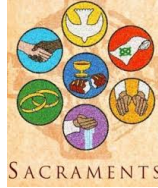
**CONFESSIONS:** There will be Confessions on Saturday August 10 10:30, after Baptisms. Also there will be Confessions on Saturday August 17, after Baptisms.

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

All of today's readings speak about people on the move in search of a new homeland. As Christians, we are all migrants journeying with others; all of us responding to God's call to prepare for the coming of God's concept of home, a home built on the foundations of justice, mercy, virtue, and love.

Our task is to animate lives of service and solidarity with others who may have had different life experiences than ours.--- Barbara Molinari Quinby, Director of Social Justice Ministries Holy Name of Jesus Cathedral, Raleigh

## 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)

## 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 ¼ 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 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)

## 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.

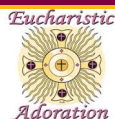
## Safe Environment Training



**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 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

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.

## 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>.

## Living in the Power of the Holy Spirit

**"Living in the Power of the Holy Spirit"** - Are you interested in experiencing more fully, the power of the Holy Spirit? A group of parishioners has come together to offer a one day workshop on living in the power of the Holy Spirit. As we are in the planning stages, we are asking you to consider joining us on a yet-to-be scheduled Saturday. The date and location will be determined based on interest. This day is about renewing our Christian faith through the power of the Holy Spirit. It is about seeking a new intimacy with Jesus and the fullness of the Holy Spirit, so that we can be and bring God's presence to the people and circumstances of our lives. If you have never said yes to Jesus' offer to have a relationship with you, this is an opportunity to do so, as well as seek to experience the fullness of his Holy Spirit. If you have said yes to Jesus' offer to have a relationship with him, but that relationship has grown distant, this is an opportunity to renew that relationship and also seek to experience the fullness of the Holy Spirit. Please contact Art Klaum [artklaum61@gmail.com](mailto:artklaum61@gmail.com) or Ronda Watts [rondatroywatts@gmail.com](mailto:rondatroywatts@gmail.com) to express your interest.

## 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

## "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 [lcmmorris0707@gmail.com](mailto:lcmmorris0707@gmail.com)

## 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).

## Commemorative Brick Order



**COMMEMORATIVE BRICKS**-Commemorative bricks line the walkway to our Activity Building. St. Mary Magdalene Church will be placing a brick order in the fall. Engraved bricks are \$100. Our deadline is October 4th. Order forms are in the church office or <http://www.stmmchurch/giving/>. Commemorate a First Communion, a Graduation, or remember a loved one with an engraved brick.

## 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 24<sup>th</sup>:** Brookridge Assisted Living Resident Visits in Apex (10:30am & 3:00pm), Sign-up <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0a4cacaf292-brookridge>
- **Tuesday August 27<sup>th</sup> h :** 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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