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Magdalene
CATHOLIC CHURCH

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St. Mary Magdalene E-News February 2, 2018

A Note From Father Donald Staib

We continue this weekend to ask for support for our Bishop's Annual Appeal. So far we have received pledges of \$91,124 from 291 households in our parish. Perhaps we are on our way to a record for our BAA. We are at the 17% level of parish family participation. And we have reached 48% of our parish goal of \$191,507. Many thanks to generous givers, and we look forward to hearing from all the parish.

Please consider a pledge of \$187 over a six month period. \$32 per month - the Diocese will send you a reminder each month.

ABOUT BAPTISMS: Ash Wednesday is February 14. We do not have baptisms during Lent, so the next opportunities will be after Easter. I do have baptisms at the Easter Sunday Masses.

CONFESSIONS: There will be Confessions on Saturday February 3, after Baptisms but no Confession on February 10. We will shortly publish a schedule of Lent Penance Services in our area.

Thank you for the gifts last week in the 2nd collection for the church in Latin America; we received \$2,838.

In our lobby we recently placed an American flag and the Papal flag. The American flag will be placed in the worship space on significant national holidays. These flags are a gift to the parish from our Knights of Columbus - for which we are most grateful.

During this season of flu and colds - use good judgment about using the Communion cup and giving the handshake of peace.

Father Donald Staib
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Bishop's Annual Appeal

Our parish has always made its goal and we hope we soon accomplish the goal this year. The goal is \$191,507. We will pass pledge forms at the beginning of the sermon. You can fill the form today and place it in the collection basket - or bring back as soon as you can.

Using time tested parish formulas we can make our goal easily if every parish family considers a gift of \$187, payable over six months. Larger gifts are most welcome. Our Bishop, for his first BAA, noted that he considers the 2 most significant items in the BAA are support for Catholic Charities and for support for our seminarians.

Now That The New Church Is Completed!

We have the obligation to make large monthly payments for 15 years - and we are challenged to respond to new parish endeavors brought about by our new building. We are grateful for those who are completing their pledges and for new gifts that are given in the monthly 'white' envelope. We are especially grateful for extra gifts that were given at Christmas.

DONATE NOW To OUR NEW CHURCH

(Click on the above link to Donate)

Pictures of the Week

StMM Parish children participated in a
1st Reconciliation Retreat
last Saturday in the Activity Building
in preparation for their 1st Reconciliation
during their class sessions this past week.





2017 Contributions Statements



2017 Tax Statements were emailed to registered parishioners who have a valid email address with the parish. If you receive the E-News you should have received your tax statement. If you did not receive a statement, contact lynch@stmm.net, 919-657-4800 ext. 7281 and one will be sent to you. Be sure to check your junk mail if you receive the E-News

'Souper' Bowl of Caring



The Nationwide SOUPER BOWL OF CARING "tackle hunger" event will take place at StMM at all Masses on Super Bowl weekend, Feb. 3rd and 4th. More

than \$90 million has been raised for local charities across the country through Souper Bowl of Caring. The time around Super Bowl weekend has been transformed into the nation's largest celebration of giving and serving. **Please be part of this movement that is sharing God's love with those in need. We are collecting CANS OF SOUP and DOLLAR DONATIONS before and after all Masses on Super Bowl weekend.** Proceeds will benefit Catholic Parish Outreach (CPO) food pantry and Western Wake Crisis Ministry (WWCM) food pantry.

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, March 8th at 6:30pm & Mon April 9th 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 to register and for the meeting room.

NOTEWORTHY AND BIG CHANGE COMING



Kathy Lynch, who has been our Parish Secretary since the beginning will be leaving the parish in May. She is relocating to South Carolina with her husband, Ed. Kathy knows everything about our parish, whether in her computer or in her memory, and it will be an enormous challenge to find ways to move forward. Kathy is the voice on our phone and the email contact when people connect with the parish. I am most grateful for her 19 years of service and wish her family well in their new endeavors. - Father Donald Staib [PS: a small group of advisors is helping me in regard to staff changes and staff development for the days to come and we will soon have more specific information]

Sweetheart Bingo Night



StMM Women's Fellowship invites you to **Sweetheart Bingo Night** Fri, Feb. 9th from 7-8:30pm in St. Martha's Dining Hall in the Activity Building. Bring your sweethearts, family, and friends for a social evening of games and fun- \$5 buys a set of cards to play all 8 games! There will be great prizes for children and adults, a 50/50 Raffle, and snacks available at our concession table. Proceeds benefit StMM Building Fund. Questions- contact Grace at GDanuck@gmail.com.

Welcome Dinner



A Soup and Salad Welcome Meal for new members of the parish will be held Sat, Feb 10th in the St Martha Hall in the Activity Building immediately after the 5pm Mass. We encourage representatives of St Mary Magdalene ministries and programs 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 919-303-5803.

Sweetheart Dance



Attention all girls ages Pre-K-8th grade, you are cordially invited to attend **The Sweetheart Dance on Sat, Feb. 10th from 7-9pm** in the Activity Building Gym. There will be a DJ, Photo booth, Raffle, and more. Light appetizers, cookies, and drinks will be served in addition to an Ice Cream Sundae Bar. Girls may be escorted by Dad, Grandpa, Uncle, or other adult. Tickets are available in advance for \$15 per family, or \$20 per family at the door. For more info email Lisa or Leanne at stmmsweetheartdance@gmail.com.

[Click here for Flyer](#)

The Vigil Project - A Lenten Night of Worship



The Vigil Project is returning to STMM for a special night open to all! -This is a special invitation to join us on Feb.18th for an evening hosted by **The Vigil Project** from 6:30-8pm in the church. All ages are welcome to attend this fantastic event which is FREE & open to all. The Vigil Project was at StMM 2 years ago and we are so excited to host them again! There will be no Youth Mass because of this special event. The VIGIL Project is a community of artists, musicians, and filmmakers that produce multimedia resources for authentic encounter with God and growth in prayer. You can learn more about The Vigil Project and see some of their music videos by visiting their website at www.thevigilproject.com

Columbarium



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Prior communications indicated that the recommended urn program would end December 2017. Apex Funeral Home has recently extended their discounted urn pricing through December 2018. Therefore the Columbarium Committee will continue offering the StMM recommended urn through 2018 at \$150 each. This is a discount in excess of 50% off of retail pricing. Apex Funeral Home is also continuing their program of offering the recommended urn free of charge with a prearrangement contract. StMM is communicating an offer from Apex Funeral Home but is not recommending Apex Funeral Home over any other provider. Urns can be stored in reserved niches at no additional cost. Please visit www.StMM.church/welcome/columbarium.cfm for guidelines, Q & A, completing reservations and purchasing urns. Communication with the Columbarium Committee: columbarium@stmm.net

'Knight's Corner'



Come enjoy breakfast with friends and family, expertly prepared by the Knights. Our next breakfast will be Sunday, February 11th following the 9am & 10:45am Masses in the Activity Building. Cost is \$8 for adults, \$5 for children 12 and under. Meal includes pancakes, scrambled eggs, choice of bacon, ham or sausage, along with coffee, milk and orange juice. All proceeds to benefit the new church.



KofC Annual Lent Fish Fry... Fri, Feb. 23rd in the Dining Hall from 5:30-7:45pm. (Eat in or Take Out). We use top quality cod and shrimp, prepared fried or baked. Fried fish is freshly breaded just prior to cooking which delivers to you a perfect golden brown crispy filet. We serve our meals with your choice of seasoned french fries, parsley potatoes, or macaroni and cheese along with cole slaw, corn bread and dessert. Come

out and enjoy a great meal with friends and family while supporting many worthy community causes championed by the Knights of Columbus.



Become a Knight! Faith, Family and Fraternity...These words make up the foundation upon which the Knights of Columbus stands. The efforts of our local Council 7186 support the St. Mary Magdalene community as well as communities around the world. Males who are 18 years of age or older and who are practicing Catholics are eligible to join. For information about this sponsored organization, please visit www.kofc7186.org or contact Michael Erpenbach at mike@erpenbach.com.

Parish Athletics



Spring Soccer (Apex-Cary) - Grades: Coed, PreK (3 year olds) to 8th - **Dates:** March to May; **Practice Locations:** choose between Apex & Cary. **Game Locations:** Apex & Cary. **Cost:** PreK \$60; K thru 5th grade - \$65; includes medal, shirt and picnic. **Note:** PreK players have a combined practice/game on Saturdays; Kdg thru 8th grade have one weekday practice and a game on Saturdays.

Spring T-Ball and Machine Pitch Baseball - Grades: Coed, PreK (4 year olds) thru 4th **Dates:** April to June; **Practice Locations:** choose between Apex & Cary; **Game Locations:** Apex only; **Cost:** \$65; includes medal, shirt, and picnic; **Note:** PreK players have a combined practice/game on Saturdays; Kindergartners thru 8th grade have one weekday practice and a game on Saturdays

Lacrosse (Softcrosse) - Grades: Coed; K thru 5th **Dates:** March thru May; **Practice/Game locations:** Apex only; **Cost:** \$65; includes medal, shirt, and picnic; **Note:** All meetings will be on Sunday afternoons and will combine a practice with a game or scrimmage. We will need volunteer coaches for all age groups! **Required Equipment:** Stick, mouth guard, cleats or sneakers

[REGISTER](#) here for any of the Parish Athletics spring sports!

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