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St. Mary Magdalene E-News July 26, 2019

A Note From Father Donald Staib

We received a thank you letter from Catholic Parish Outreach for our donations for the baby shower. Received were 1,758 pounds of children's items and \$1,785 to help families in need. Catholic Parish Outreach provides each month a week's worth of groceries for over 8,200 people.

This Saturday officers will be installed for the coming year for the Knights of Columbus. We offer our best wishes to the new officers and again thank the Knights for all they do for our parish.

Please keep in your prayers the family of Richard Duley who died this past week. We remember in prayer all our deceased friends and family.

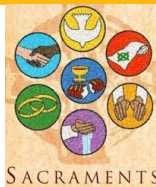
CONFESSIONS: There will be Confessions on Saturday July 27 at 10:30, after Baptisms. There will also be Confessions on Saturday August 3 at 10:30.

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

REFLECTION ON WAITING

From the Bible we have learned about prayer: we learn from our ancestors that holiness lies not in getting, but in waiting. Noah waited 40 days and 40 nights for sunshine, The Israelites waited 40 years for the promised land, the sick man waited 38 years by the pool of Siloam to be healed. Elizabeth waited 50 years before giving birth. Some waited until they died; Moses for the promised land, Job for a straight answer, Jonah for consolation, Jesus for the cup to pass. - Thomas Turner

REFLECTION ON SODOM

While some assume that Sodom's sinfulness was all about sexuality, Ezekiel 16.49-50 describes their wickedness by saying they were sated with food, complacent in prosperity, giving no help to the poor and needy; they became arrogant and committed abominations. Jesus said Sodom was not as bad as the towns that rejected his messengers. The outcry against Sodom that reached God had to do with their mistreatment of people in need. - Sister Mary McGlone

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



Registration is now open for 2019-20 Parish Religious Education Program (PREP) on www.stmm.church. Registration will run until August 31st. Our programs begin the week of September 22. For a complete description of this program go to www.stmm.church, 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 now open and runs through August 31st on 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 31st 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>

Catechists/Core Team Needed - We have many opportunities for you to become involved in our vibrant, growing programs. Joining this ministry is a great way to share your faith and enjoy fellowship with other parishioners. There will be an adult, on-site retreat offered at STMM 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 75 minutes per week to a specific grade
- being Level C Safe Environment approved (which we provide the class here on campus).

Positions Available:

- Teacher/Catechist PREP Grades Pre-K - 4
- Small Group Leader (by gender) the ROCK - Grades 5 - 6
- AV People - 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



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

FOCUS Missionary

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WHAT IS FOCUS?

FOCUS (Fellowship Of Catholic University Students) is a Catholic collegiate outreach whose mission is to share the hope and joy of the Gospel with college and university students. Trained in the Church's teaching, prayer, sacred Scripture, evangelization and discipleship, FOCUS missionaries encounter students in authentic friendship, invite them into personal relationship with Jesus Christ and accompany them as they pursue a life of virtue and excellence. Through Bible Study, outreach events, conferences, mission trips, and one-on-one discipleship, missionaries help students encounter Christ, encourage and build students in the faith, and send them out to spread the Good News and live out the Great Commission: "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations (Mt 28:19)."

ELIZABETH RAY

I would love to meet you and explain more about the vision of FOCUS, the impact FOCUS had on my college experience and what I will be doing as a FOCUS missionary. Please reach out to me to learn how you can get involved with the mission!



*The need is **great**. 80% of practicing Catholic go to college and leave the faith before graduating and only 20% return to the faith. The Church needs people on the college campus who can help students live out their faith and take it to the workplace*



MEET MY TEAM

The next year we will be serving the students at CCU - Coastal Carolina University in Conway, SC!

Without support, spiritually and financially, from our brothers and sisters in Christ we cannot embark on this mission. Please prayerfully consider supporting a FOCUS missionary.

Phone: (919)745-7317 E-Mail: elizabeth.ray@focus.org Website: focus.org/missionaries/elizabeth-ray

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 with any questions.

Inquiry Sessions will be after Sunday Masses on August 4 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) to register and to get meeting

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. 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 or Ronda Watts rondatroywatts@gmail.com to express your interest.

"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 lmorris0707@gmail.com

Western Wake Crisis Ministry

Summer Donations for Western Wake Crisis Ministry (WWCM) - WWCM is looking for the following items throughout the summer months: Laundry detergent, dish detergent, shower gel, shampoo, conditioner, toilet paper, paper towels. Place your contributions in the bins in the church narthex. Thank you!

Commemorative Brick Order

BUY A BRICK
FOR SOMEONE
SPECIAL

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.

Family Rosary Group



St. Mary Magdalene Rosary - "The family that prays together stays together." The Knight of Columbus would like to invite all StMM parishioners to join us for the Rosary on Thursdays at 7pm. Every one of all ages is invited. Rosaries and prayer guides are provided by the Knights of Columbus. Saint John Paul II said: "The Rosary is a prayer both so humble and simple and theologically rich in Biblical Content. I beg you to pray it." Contact Joe Sebik for more information at 704-906-3569.

Parish Athletics Fall Sports

Fall Soccer (Apex-Cary)

Grades: Coed, Pre-K (3 year-olds) to 8th.

Dates: August - October.

Practice Locations: Apex or Cary, you pick.

Game Locations: Apex & Cary.

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

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

K- 8th graders have one weekday practice and weekend games.

Fall Baseball (Apex)

Grades: Coed, Pre-K (4 year-olds) to 4th.

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 - 4th graders have one weekday practice and weekend games.

Fall Flag Football (Apex-Cary)

Grades: Coed, Pre-K (4 year-olds) to 5th.

Dates: September - November.

Game Locations: Apex or Cary.

Cost: Pre-K, \$55; K - 5th Grade, \$60 includes medal, shirt, picnic

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

Fall Softcrosse (Apex)

Ages: K - 2nd Grade & 3rd - 5th Grade.

Dates: Sundays Sept 9 - Oct 14 (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
