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St. Mary Magdalene E-News May 10, 2019

A Note From Father Donald Staib

We welcome all families and friends who have come to celebrate First Communion with our children this weekend. And we have great gratitude to all our staff and volunteers who have helped the children in our Faith Formation classes. May the joy of this celebration stay with our children for many years.

We also welcome Father Wenceslaus Rodrigues who has come to join with us today in celebration.

It is Mother's Day - and we are grateful and rejoice for all Mothers - both those with us here on earth and those who have gone to heaven.

This weekend there is a 2nd collection for Catholic Communications, an annual and national collection.

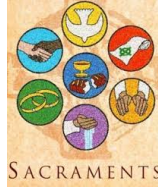
CONFESSIONS: At St Mary Magdalene there will be Confessions on Saturday May 11 at 10:30. And there will also be Confessions on Saturday May 18 at 10:30, after Baptisms.

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

What have your children taught you about your faith?

I am glad they are asking questions about faith because it means they want to know. That is basically what my kids have done for me in a whole host of things. Why do you believe what you believe? Why do you treat people the way you do? Why should a person do the right thing when nobody is watching?

And I have tried to come at their question in various ways, I have told them something life: 'Even if you decided not to be religious, it turns out this is a great way to live your life. Even if you don't sign up for the whole Catholicism thing, live gratefully, humbly, caring about other people. Just read the beatitudes, kids, and then we'll talk.

My faith orders my life. It helps me a lot. And I want to show my kids that because I want to give that gift to them. It was a gift that my parents gave to me through God. So I want to give them the same gift.

John Dickerson - CBS This Morning

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



A special *Thank You* goes out to The CSO (Catholic Senior Organization) for assisting with our First Communion Banners preparation this past week.



Our blooming roses, with many thanks for the tender care by Bill Danuck



StMM Spring Festival



Parish Religious Education Program

First Communion Rehearsals

Reminder to Parents: Please drop off the communicant to Room #3 and sit in your reserved pew in the church. The schedule is as follows:

Thursday 5/16/19 at 6:00 - 6:40 pm for the **5 pm Sat 5/18/19** liturgy

Thursday 5/16/19 at 6:45 - 7:15 pm for the **9 am Sun 5/19/19** liturgy

Thursday 5/16/19 at 7:20 - 8 pm for the **10:45 am Sun 5/19/19** liturgy

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All Religious Education Programs are finished for the school year. We are most grateful to all the Catechists who gave of their time and talent to teach the Gospel to our children.

2019-20 Program Registration - will be available in July 2019.

High School

If you have a teen in year 2 of preparation/receiving the sacrament of Confirmation on May 15th, 2019 and have not created the online account for the electronic confirmation paperwork, please email Vicki at stmm.confirmation@kristofffs.com

St. Mary Magdalene's 2018 Confirmation liturgy will be held on Wednesday, May 15th in the church at 6:30pm.

HS Beach Retreat 2019 Registration is now open:

The form can be found on the website: <http://www.stmm.church/religious-ed/highschool.cfm>. August 16th-18th, 2019 we will be heading to Ft Caswell on Oak Island, NC for a fantastic weekend hosted by speaker Joe Farris and worship leader Rita West! This retreat meets the Confirmation requirement and is open to all teens in grades 9th-12th for the 2019-2020 school year. A teen can attend as many retreats as they like over their 4 years in high school as each retreat is completely different. A 50% deposit is required with the form in order to secure a spot and spots are filled on a first come, first serve basis.

Please contact Liz Sams with any questions.

"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 lc Morris0707@gmail.com

Helping Hands Ministry



STMM Helping Hands Ministry will be collecting toiletries and household supplies to donate to Women That Care.Org., a women's ministry that helps homeless men, women, and children in Wake County by distributing daily needs items. All donations must be brought to StMM before or after Masses the weekend of May 11th and 12th; but no later than noon on the 12th. Thank you for your generosity and support of this ministry. Questions, please contact Kathy Barnack at kbarnack@nc.rr.com.

Safe Environment Training

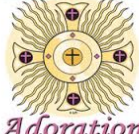
Safe Environment Training - Adults who wish to volunteer with youth at StMM are required to fill out a volunteer application and attend Safe Environment Training. Our



next session is Thurs, 5/23 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 meeting room.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Eucharistic



Adoration

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament/Eucharistic Adoration-StMM has Adoration available every Friday in the Chapel after daily Mass. On the First Friday of each month Adoration begins after daily Mass and ends at 7pm. Join us on June 7th. This requires that we have many people committed to praying in front of the Blessed Sacrament throughout the day. We always need more people for this ministry! Please

consider committing 1 hour each month. Take advantage of these opportunities to spend time with the Lord. If you would like to participate contact Anita Becker at 919-642-0441 or AlAnitaBecker@aol.com

Children's Adoration: We meet the first Friday of each month from 230-3pm at the St MM chapel for a small children's adoration. Children will be able to do a group rosary and learn to spend some quiet time in prayer with Jesus. Our next meeting will be Friday June 7th. No one is too young; all ages welcome! Please contact Megan Brinkley with any questions m.brinkley@hotmail.com

Welcome Dinner



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A soup and salad welcome meal for new members of the parish will be held Saturday June 8th in the St Martha hall (the activities building cafeteria) immediately after the 5:00pm Mass. We encourage representatives of St Mary Magdalene ministries 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-

New Brick Order



The batch of newly engraved bricks has now been placed in the sidewalk at the entrance of the Activity Building.

Health Promotions Committee



Health Promotion Committee will be Meet on Sunday May 19 at 10am immediately following the 9am service in room 1. Newcomers welcome.

Men's Rosary Group



"The Rosary is a prayer that always accompanies me; it is also the prayer of the ordinary people and the saints... it is a prayer from my heart." - Pope Francis. Join the men of our parish praying the Rosary every Thursday at 7pm in the Chapel. No experience necessary! Rosaries and prayer cards provided by StMM Knights of Columbus. For more information contact Joe Sebik, joeysebik@gmail.com.

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, May 20, 9:30 - 11:00am, in Church meeting room #1. For more information, please contact Miriam Moore, miriamdel79@yahoo.com, 919-387-8676 or Fran Hughes, gmomfran@gmail.com.



Knights Corner

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:

- **Sunday May 12th:** Flowers for Mother's Day - Knights are working with the Parish Respect Life council to bring flowers to 2 local nursing homes on Mother's Day, after 9AM mass. Contact: KofC Life Director Tim Calla at timothy.calla@gmail.com
- **Saturday May 25th:** Brookridge Assisted Living Resident Visits in Apex (10:30am & 3:00pm), Sign-up <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0a4cacaf292-brookridge>
- **Tuesday May 28th:** Men's Homeless Shelter Meals, Signup (5:15pm-6:30pm) <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d4ea4ab2a1-mens>
- **Men's 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 (Tom Blum) at gkkofc7186@gmail.com or contact our Membership Committee at MembershipKofC7186@gmail.com
