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### St. Mary Magdalene E-News

May 24, 2019

#### A Note From Father Donald Staib

Memorial Day is one that is filled with gratitude and sadness. We are so grateful to all who gave their lives in service to our country. They have helped to provide freedom and opportunity to all of us. May we pray and work to promote peace so all people may come to learn to live in peace with one another.

Congratulations and thanks to all who serve in our School. The last day of school is this Friday. We have now completed our 21<sup>st</sup> year.

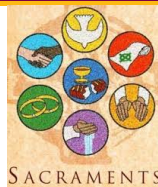
**CONFESSIONS:** At St Mary Magdalene there will not be Confessions on Saturday May 25 because of a wedding. There will be Confessions on Saturday June 1, after Baptisms at 10:30 am.

Father Donald Staib  
[donfs22@aol.com](mailto:donfs22@aol.com)  
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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

Acts of the Apostles today describes the first Council of the Church. It was called in Jerusalem by Jesus' followers to try to resolve a conflict among Jesus' early followers. The events described in Acts 15 describe the pivotal issue of The Acts of the Apostles. The decision made in Jerusalem was essential to allow the Gospel to spread beyond the small group of Jesus' Jewish disciples.

The quotation Luke attributed to the false teachers from Judea summarizes the conservative side of the debate: "Unless you keep the Mosaic practice, you cannot be saved." The question of whether Gentile converts had to become Jews in order to be Christians echoed Jesus' debates with antagonistic religious leaders: They adhered to details of the law, while Jesus advocated for fulfilling its underlying purpose.

What does this mean to us? The disciples' conflict can sound very familiar as we struggle over how our church and society are being called to adapt and change as technology shrinks distance, and travel and immigration bring diverse cultures into living contact with one another. We are living in a moment of extraordinary grace and opportunity. Our debates may be fierce, but we need to trust that the Holy Spirit will guide us if we are open. The road we choose will make all the difference.

## 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.

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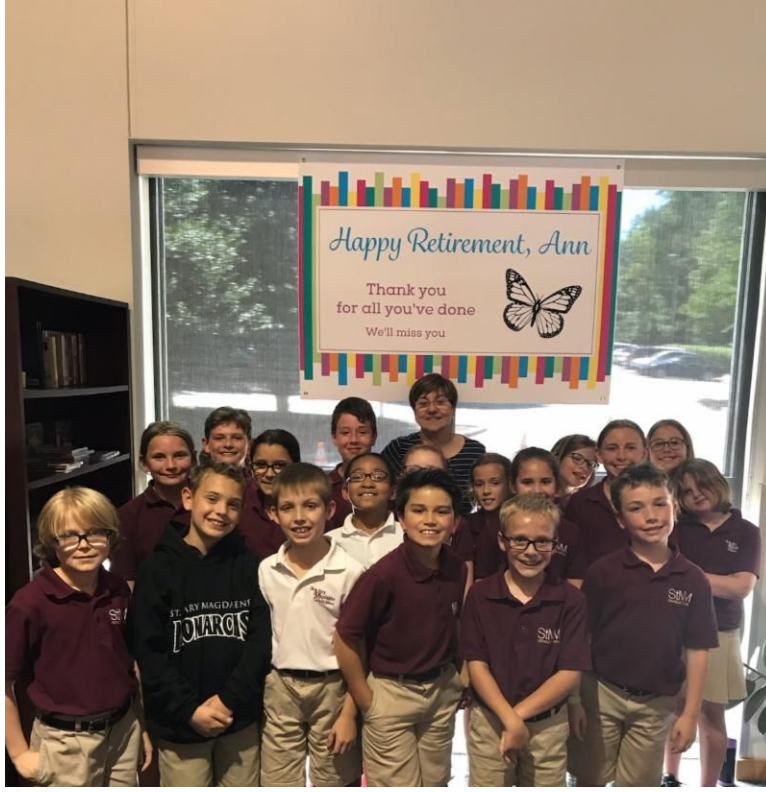
## Picture of the Week



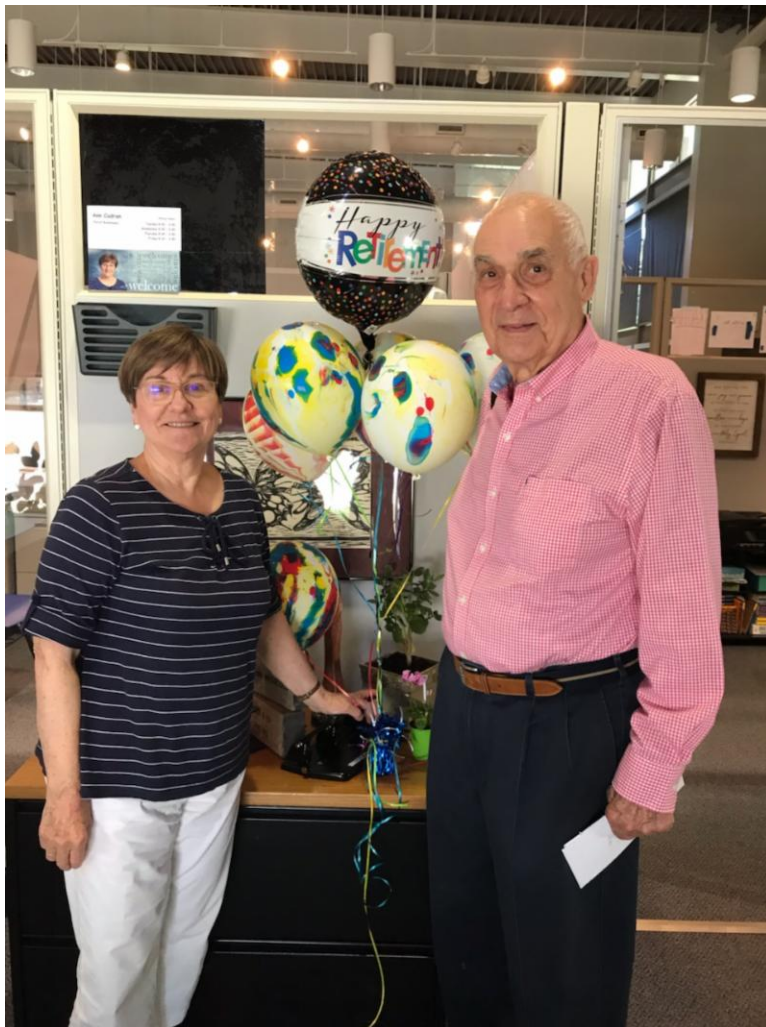
8th Grade Graduation



StMM First Communicants after Mass



3rd Grade wishing Ann Cadran a Happy Retirement



**First Communion** - Congratulations to all our parish children who received their First Communion these past two weekends. May they continue to come to the table of the Lord every weekend as their faith journey continues to unfold throughout their lives.

**2019-20 Parish Religious Education Program (PREP) Registration** - will be available on [www.stmm.church](http://www.stmm.church) the week of July 1, 2019. Registration will run until August 31<sup>st</sup>. Our programs begin the week of September 22. All forms will be uploaded on [www.stmm.church](http://www.stmm.church) the week of July 1<sup>st</sup> as well. To access the religious education page go to [www.stmm.church](http://www.stmm.church), select "Religious Education", select "Elementary." You will see the links to specific information.

**Core Team Needed** - We have many opportunities for you to become involved in our vibrant, growing program. Joining this ministry is a great way to share your faith and meet other like-minded parishioners. Requirements include being a baptized Catholic in good standing with the Church and a willingness to give 75 minutes per week to a specific grade. You will need to be Level C Safe Environment approved (which we provide the class here on campus). There will be an adult retreat offered at the beginning of the year to prepare you for our mission. Please prayerfully consider joining our amazing team.

**Catechesis of the Good Shepherd** - Re-registration forms will also be made available on [www.stmm.church](http://www.stmm.church) starting July 1. Program begins again 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/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. Registrations open in July and runs through August 31<sup>st</sup> each 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. It will have a similar flavor to our other relational ministry youth groups.

Registration for this program will also open online [www.stmm.church/religious-ed/therock](http://www.stmm.church/religious-ed/therock) on July 1st.

## Extraordinary Ministers Training



Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion in the Sacred Liturgy Training date is set for Sunday, June 2nd 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, May 31st, if attending.

St. Bridget School in Haiti

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Sunday, June 9, 2019**

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**"PRACTICING CHARITY IS THE BEST WAY TO EVANGELIZE"**

**- Pope Francis -**

Questions? Contact Nancy McElroy at [mcelroy@stmm.net](mailto:mcelroy@stmm.net) OR  
Christa Iozzo at [iozzo@stmm.net](mailto:iozzo@stmm.net)



ALL StMM parishioners have the opportunity to help keep StMM's newly adopted school open for the 2019-2020 school year!

## "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](mailto:lmorris0707@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 June 16-22. Please stop by tables in the lobby the first weekend of June (June 1-2) 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.

## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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-

## 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](mailto:joeysebik@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:***

- **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](mailto:gkkofc7186@gmail.com) or contact our Membership Committee at [MembershipKofC7186@gmail.com](mailto:MembershipKofC7186@gmail.com)

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