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### St. Mary Magdalene E-News

May 31, 2019

#### A Note From Father Donald Staib

Whenever a parish has a school there is a marked slowdown of parish activity when school closes. And - as all people - those of us on StMM staff look forward to vacation time. I am grateful for all our staff and for all the volunteers who help our parish ministries.

We bid farewell to our founding Principal Bob Cadran on the completion of his 19<sup>th</sup> graduating 8<sup>th</sup> grade class. As I mentioned in this year school yearbook:

*In the beginning our campus was all trees. Then there were: a school building, students, teachers, classroom equipment, volunteer parents, sports teams, playing fields, curriculum, books, and computers. Our retiring Principal, Bob Cadran, helped to make it all happen. Our parish and school are grateful.*

I am grateful to staff who help with Communion Services when I am away; I will be away Monday and Tuesday morning this coming week.

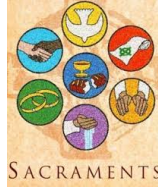
**CONFESSIONS:** At St Mary Magdalene there will be Confessions at 10:30 am on Saturday June 1, after Baptisms and Saturday June 8, after Baptisms.

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

In today's Acts of the Apostles we hear phrases that echo from the women's experience at the empty tomb. In both instances we have two men in white who show up to ask the onlookers questions. The women, who are staring in disbelief at the place where they expected to find Jesus' body, are asked 'Why do you seek the living among the dead?'

At the scene of the Ascension, we hear these men ask the disciples, who are still looking at the place where Jesus disappeared, 'Men of Galilee, why are you standing there looking at the sky?'

The women at the tomb and the disciples at the Ascension are looking in the wrong place for Jesus. Jesus is now with them in a different way. They will meet him in the breaking of the bread. They will meet him when they minister to each other. They will meet him in prayer.

## 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



Amanda Nichols and Jordan Allen wedding on May 25th



Helpers for the wedding





Matthew Vardis, STMM Troop 224, completed his Eagle Scout project in March, a bocce ball court for St. Mary Magdalene Church.



## Parish Religious Education Program

**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.

Many of us have experienced the difficult process of planning a funeral for a deceased loved one. What would they want done? What readings? What music? Do they want a casket funeral or cremation? The first days can be a blur, and family consensus may be difficult. Many of these stress points can be minimized by you completing both a funeral pre-plan with a provider, as well as complete a funeral mass planning sheet that is available on the STMM website.

If cremation is the option chosen, and STMM Columbarium is chosen as your eternal resting place, then obtaining a niche is also a detail that can be completed ahead of any need. The entire process can be completed starting on line at [www.stmm.church/welcome/columbarium.cfm](http://www.stmm.church/welcome/columbarium.cfm). Niche pricing is going to change 1 July 2019. The contract must be signed and full payment completed by that date for current pricing to be in effect. If you have questions please call the office or contact the columbarium committee at [columbarium@stmm.net](mailto:columbarium@stmm.net)

## 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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Numero Deux, Haiti

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**Our Goal is 125 sponsors by  
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)

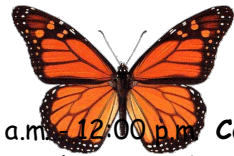


ALL StMM parishioners have the opportunity to help keep StMM's newly adopted school open for the 2019-2020 school year!

## Mini-Monarch Preschool Summer Camp Programs

2019 Mini-Monarchs Preschool Summer Camp Program - The Preschool Program at STMM is offering 7 weeks of summer fun for children ages 3-5 yrs.!Each





week will offer a completely different theme full of fun and exciting stories, songs, games, arts, crafts, and science activities. **Cost:** \$110.00 per week. You may sign up for as many individual weeks as you wish. **Location:** PreK Classrooms. **Hours:** 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

**Calendar:** June 10-14: Super Science, Volcanoes and Bubbles, June 17-21: Dinosaur Week, June 24-28: Super Art, Super Fun, July 8-12: Summer Fun!, July 15-19: Superhero Week, July 22-26: Splash! Splash!, July 29- Aug. 2: Taste & See the Goodness of the World. **The program is open to all children ages 3-5 years old. All children must be potty-trained.**

**Registration Link:** <https://campscui.active.com/orgs/StMaryMagdaleneSchool?orglink=camps-registration#/selectSessions/2624710> **Additional Information:** e-mail: [prekcamps@stmm.net](mailto:prekcamps@stmm.net)

## "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 [lcmorris0707@gmail.com](mailto:lcmorris0707@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



**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



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:*

- **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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