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St. Mary Magdalene E-News May 3, 2019

A Note From Father Donald Staib

Thank you for your generosity for our Catholic Home Missions 2nd collection last weekend. We received \$3,873.



Visit Our Church Website

The next two weekends are our First Communion Masses and May 15 Bishop Luis Raphael Zarama will come for our Confirmation. We rejoice in these happy occasions for our children and thank all those who helped to prepare for these days.

This past week our StMM graduating 8th grade students joined with other Catholic School 8th grades for a Mass at the Cathedral with Bishop Zarama.

I am grateful to our staff for providing morning Communion Services on Monday and Tuesday while I am away.

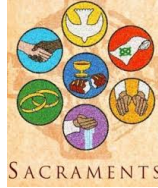
CONFESSIONS: At St Mary Magdalene there will be Confessions on Saturday May 4 at 10:30, after Baptisms. And there will also be Confessions on Saturday May 11 at 10:30.

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

Since the time of Christ, who tended to the poor and healed the sick and welcomed the outcasts, our faith has been built on personal encounters and on people who empty themselves, enabling them to see people and their situations with deep understanding, compassion and solidarity.

We are called as Christians to encounter others and walk with them humbly, without judgment or pretensions of having the answer to all their problems. It is through these encounters that our hearts are opened and presented with new a horizon and a renewed energy to move forward. It is through these encounters of love and caring that persons, families and communities are transformed from prisoners of despair into bearers of hope. -- Luis Antonio G. Cardinal Tagle, Archbishop of Manila

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



Our 8th Grade class and pastor and principal with Bishop Luis Zarama and 21 other diocesan schools at our Cathedral



Thank you to the parishioners who cleaned up the rose garden

Parish Religious Education Program

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. There will be a Parent Meeting to discuss this new program on Sunday, May 5th from 12:00 - 1:00 pm in the Media Center in the School Building.

First Communion Retreat Many thanks to all our parent volunteers for helping with the First Communion Retreat. The students are well prepared for the weeks to come thanks to your dedication and commitment to passing on the faith.

All Religious Education Programs Last Classes are Sunday, May 5, Tuesday, May 7, and Wednesday, May 8, 2019. We are most grateful to all the Catechists who gave of their time and talent to teach the Gospel to our children.

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 5/9/19 at 6:00 - 6:40 pm for the **5 pm Sat 5/11/19**

Thursday 5/9/19 at 6:45 - 7:15 pm for the **9 am Sun 5/12/19**

Thursday 5/9/19 at 7:20 - 8 pm for the **10:45 am Sun 5/12/19**

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

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

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

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@kristoffs.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 lcmorris0707@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. To support this ministry, please stop by the donation table in the lobby the weekend of May 4th and 5th to pick up a donation tag. 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.

Spring Festival



Friday, May 3, 3:00-7:00 pm Come join the fun on the Athletic Fields! Lots of inflatables, games, and more for children of all ages! Concessions available for purchase from the Knights of Columbus and school clubs. Admission \$10 per child in advance, \$12 at the door. Contact Anne Burge at anneburge143@gmail.com for more information or to purchase a wristband.

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 May 3rd. 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 May 3rd. No one is too young; all ages welcome! Please contact Megan Brinkley with any questions mbrinkley@hotmail.com

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.

Power and Purpose Conference

Power and Purpose Conference - all StMM adult parishioners are invited to register for this incredible Steubenville adult conference held at Franciscan University June 7-9.. This year, we are organizing a large StMM group to attend. Father Dave Pivonka, Mary Bielski, and Chris Padgett are just a few of the

dynamic speakers you will hear. Read more about it at <https://steubenvilleconferences.com/events/ppc/>. Please register with the StMM group using this link: <http://bit.ly/Laura-Werner-PPC19>. Contact Laura Werner at wernerLhome@gmail.com with questions and to learn about transportation options.

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"*

Your Knights at StMM Council 7186 have been active in: Hurricane Florence relief, CPO Food Drive, Coats for Kids, Building the Domestic Church, StMM Parish Projects, Visiting Seniors, Serving meals at Men's Homeless Shelter. ***Are You Being Called? Please join us to help those in need.***

Calendar of Events:

- Friday May 3rd - 2019 Spring Festival at StMM (3:00pm - 7:00pm)
- Saturday May 4th - Apex Peak Festival at Historic Downtown Apex (9:00am - 5:00pm)
- Saturday May 11th - Blood Drive at StMM
- 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