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St. Mary Magdalene E-News October 18, 2019

A Note From Father Donald Staib

At the 6 pm Youth Mass on Sunday we will be joined by Father Philip Tighe who is the Director of Vocations for our Diocese. He will have a table in the lobby with Vocation information. We welcome Father Tighe and we always pray for an increase in vocations for our Diocese and for our Church.

During October - November each year for the weekend Masses I often use different Eucharistic Prayers at Mass. I am not sure they are in the Missals people use. There are 4 of them and I rotate them from week to week.

I did find them online under the words 'Eucharistic Prayers for Various Needs.'

I am grateful to our Parish Staff who will have a Communion Service on Tuesday and Wednesday while I am away.

There will be a second collection this weekend for World Mission Sunday.

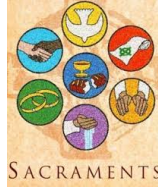
CONFESSIONS: There will be Confessions this Saturday, October 19 at 10:30 and on Saturday October 26 at 10:30, after Baptisms.

Father Donald Staib
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St. Mary Magdalene E-News

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

Lead, kindly Light, amid th'encircling gloom; lead thou me on!
The night is dark, and I am far from home; lead thou me on!
Keep thou my feet; I do not ask to see
The distant scene—one step enough for me.

I was not ever thus, nor pray'd that thou shouldst lead me on.
I loved to choose and see my path; but now, Lead thou me on!
I loved the garish day, and, spite of fears,
Pride ruled my will. Remember not past years.

So long thy pow'r hath blest me, sure it still will lead me on
O'er moor and fen, o'er crag and torrent, till the night is gone.
And with the morn those angel faces smile,
Which I have loved long since, and lost awhile!

Text: John Henry Newman, 1801-1890
proclaimed as a Saint last Sunday October 13 in Rome

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



Father Joe speaking to the Youth Programs

Haiti - House #151 The Nadege Lapaix

Nadège Lapaix and Jean Renan Jeudy are a young couple with three children. They Love to farm and take great pride in their beautiful gardens. They also are seasonal workers at a special fishing factory. They are catholics and come regularly to mass, having had a renewal in their faith lives over the last two years. They are also very committed to the education of their children. The April 2019 Fakier Mission team brought joy to this family when they announced that in May 2019 the Nadege family would finally be out of the dilapidate shack that you can see in the "Before" picture and in which they had been existing and would now have a beautiful, safe and secure home in which to raise their children. They send their thanks and love to all who have made this miracle come true in their lives.

Before



After





Prek-3's had a visit from the Apex Fire Department this week.

Elementary Religious Ed

All Elementary Program Families: We have opened wide the StMM doors to all our families for another year of faith-filled learning with our volunteer catechists. We will again be partnering with Catholic Parish Outreach in helping the poor right here in Wake County communities with our monthly contributions of packaged toilet paper. As we all certainly are aware that this non-food need is always in demand in daily life. Each grade has been assigned a specific month for contributions. Please mark your calendars for your child/ren's month. Please be as generous as your means will allow and many thanks in advance for your generosity.

Collection Dates/Mark Your Calendars for Toilet Paper

Donations:

Grades PK/K/Intermediate Sacrament Students: October 20th & 23rd

Grade 1 Students: November 10th & 13th

Grade 2 Students: January 12th & 15th

Grade 3 Students: February 9th & 12th

Grade 4 Students: March 15th & 18th

Attention First Sacrament Families of children in Grade 2 PREP, Wednesday Intermediate Sacrament Students, StMM School Grade 2 Families, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Students-2nd year of Level II: **First Reconciliation Parent Meetings** are set for Monday, November 18th in Church Room 3 at 10-30-11:30 am OR 7:00-8:00 pm and Tuesday November 19th 10:30 - 11:30 am OR 7:00 - 8:00 pm. One parent is required to attend one of these meetings. If you attended in 2018 -2019 OR 2017-2018 you do not

have to attend the meeting. You are, however, responsible for picking up meeting materials in the Parish Office. Contact Suzanne - will@stmm.net with your questions.

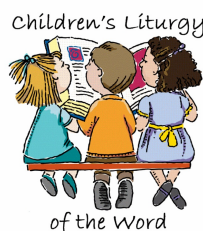
Helpful Information to Stay Informed www.stmm.church



Substitute Catechists are needed for Sundays 12-1:15 pm and Wednesdays 6:30-7:45 pm. Lesson plans & all materials are provided each week. This ministry welcomes retirees, working parents, stay at home parents & confirmed looking for service hours. Please contact Suzanne will@stmm.net



ROCK Core Team Needed Due to the overwhelming response of our new program, the ROCK (Reaching Out for Christ), we are in need of additional volunteer Core Team Leaders to journey with our 5th & 6th Graders. The commitment is every other weekend and the plans are provided to you in advance. Please contact Suzanne will@stmm.net or Janine Janine.mcgann@gmail.com to learn more about this exciting opportunity.



Children's Liturgy of the Word has begun and is held during the Sunday morning liturgies at 9:00 & 10:45 am. It mirrors the worship experience of the parish community in an engaging and interactive environment. Eligible participants are children 3 - 6 years old. This program is a co-op; dependent upon parishioner involvement. Volunteers must be Safe Environment Certified. If you'd like to assist with this ministry, please contact the Program Coordinator, Jennifer Jury at stmmclow@gmail.com.



Refresh - An Adult Program held during PREP. Apex is a great place to live, but the number one city for you is where you can build your village. Get to know those around you at Mass. Meet other StMM families. Have a cup of coffee. We're meant to live in community, to connect with others. If it takes a village, let's build one! Join us on Sundays at Noon in the Science Room on the second floor of the StMM School Building while your child is in PREP. Questions? Contact Nicole, nicolesebik@yahoo.com or Joe, jsebik@icloud.com.

Youth Ministry

STMM YM schedule for Sunday 10/20 is as follows:

EDGE 4:30pm-5:45pm in the gym

Apostello 4:30pm-5:45pm in the media center

Youth Mass at 6pm in the church (open to all ages!!!)

The Way 7:15pm-8:30pm starting in the church

All teens in The Way must sign in every Sunday at the table in the lobby of the church

The STMM YM Calendar for the 2019-2020 school year can be found at this link on the right side of the page:

<http://www.stmm.church/religious-ed/highschool.cfm>

HS Girls Retreat "Speaking to Sparrows" registration is now open. There are 6 spots left open!!! Form is available on the church website at this link: <http://www.stmm.church/religious-ed/highschool.cfm> This retreat is open to girls in 9th-12th grade and will be held Friday, November 8th to Sunday November 10th in New Hill, NC. Cost is \$75.00 per girl. It is an amazing opportunity for girls to create community, build up sisterhood, spend the weekend in her pajamas/soft clothes and get away from the everyday stresses of high school life. Girls from any church/denomination can attend this retreat!! Spots are limited to 20 girls and at this time are not open to girls who have already attended in past years. If we don't fill the 20 spots, we'll open it up to returners!

Registration has now closed for all STMM YM programs

Please contact Janine or Liz directly if you missed our registration period.

Janine McGann can be reached at janine.mcgann@gmail.com

Liz Sams can be reached at liz.sams@gmail.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 Mon, 10/28 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 location.

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. Our next session will be Monday, October 21, 2019 at 7:30 PM in Room #4 of the church building. It's not too late to join the discussions. Please contact Scott and Kathy Strednak at rcia@stmm.net if you missed the inquiry sessions.

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 Nov 10-16. Please stop by tables in the lobby the weekend of October 26-27 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 or 919-749-8932 with questions.

Respect Life Month

As part of **Respect Life Month**, StMM will be participating in the Baby Bottle Campaign Fundraiser for Birthchoice Pregnancy Center. Birthchoice provides free Pregnancy Tests and Ultrasounds to over 1000 women who are vulnerable to abortion each year. By giving these women complete and accurate information and connecting them with available resources nearly 80% choose life for their baby. Volunteers will be handing out empty baby bottles the weekend of October 12th & 13th. Please take one home and fill it with your spare change, dollar bills or checks made Payable to "Birthchoice" and return it the weekend of October 19th & 20th.

Talk Saves Lives Presentation

Talk Saves Lives Presentation (November 14th at 7 and 8:15 pm in the STMM Media Center). Provided by the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, this one- hour awareness program presents the basics of what everyone needs to know about suicide: who is at risk, the warning signs & what you can do in a crisis. Two identical sessions will be held to accommodate your schedules. This presentation is for ages 15 and higher only. For questions, contact Mike Rota at mikerota2018@gmail.com

Discipleship Quads

Catholics today face many obstacles to experiencing a vibrant, personal relationship with Christ. Life

pulls us in so many directions, often times away from Him. It is not uncommon for us to feel alone on our faith journey. Maybe we have gaps in our understanding of the Church's teachings but we don't know how to fill them. Or, we may not have the tools or confidence to share the saving grace of the Good News with others the way Jesus instructs us to in Matthew 28: 16-20. If any of these sound like you, then prayerfully consider joining a **Discipleship Quad**. After a year of extensive research, Franciscan University created this free resource to help people have the relationship with Christ they desire. It is based on a model that has over thirty years of success. Your journey with the Discipleship Quad will equip you with the tools you need to help rebuild our Church at a time when we desperately need disciples. Sign ups are ongoing. And 100% FREE. For more information, as well as all the free resources needed to get started, visit <https://steubenvilleconferences.com/discipleship-quads/> Or email Laura Werner at stebenvillemissionNC@gmail.com for more information.

"Living in the Power of the Holy Spirit"

Want to bring a spark to your Christian faith?

Want to have scripture leap off the page with new meaning?

Want to experience a new intimacy in your relationship with JESUS?

ATTEND

St. Mary Magdalene Church



LIVING IN THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Four talks, reflection, small group discussion and an opportunity to be prayed with to stir up of the graces of the Holy Spirit that we receive in Baptism.

October 26, 2019

8:30 AM to 4:30 PM

(Continental breakfast provided, bring your own lunch)

Classroom 4

RSVP to Art Klaum artklaum61@gmail.com or
rondatroypwatts@gmail.com by 10/19/19



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, October 21, 9:30 - 11:00 AM, in Church meeting room #1. For more information, please contact Miriam Moore, miriamdel79@yahoo.com, 919-387-8676 or Fran Hughes, gmomfran@gmail.com.

"Prayers & Squares"



"Prayers & Squares" - A prayer quilt group. If you are interested in sewing for the Prayers & Squares group please join us for a meeting on Sunday, November 3 @ 1:00. We will be meeting in room 4 in the church building. For more information, please contact Lorraine Morris at lcmorris0707@gmail.com

Family Rosary



The month of October each year is dedicated to the Most Holy Rosary because the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary is celebrated on October 7.

Pray the Rosary On Thursday nights at 7:00 in the Chapel. Rosaries and prayer guides are available. Everyone and all ages are welcome to come. No experience necessary.

Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus.

Contact Joe Sebik (Jsebik@icloud.com) for more information, if you want to help lead the Rosary, have prayer intentions, or with questions.

40 Days for Life

The latest **40 days for life campaign** is at Drake Circle in Raleigh from September 25 through November 3. KofC 7186 in communion with STMM Respect life committee have signed up with the national 40 days organization to cover the following Vigil hours: 9 AM - 10AM on October 12th, October 26th, and November 2nd. Use your voice in prayer to defend those who haven't yet a voice of their own, those who are truly the least among us. Defend those who cannot defend themselves.

Please join us using the signup genius here or go to the 40 days site to signup for your own vigil hours.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10COA4BADA62BA13-40days1>

Parish Athletics

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www.ParishAthleticsNC.org

Winter Basketball (Apex)

Grades: Coed, Pre-K (4 year-olds) to 6th.

Dates: November - February.

Location: StMM Gym in Apex.

Cost: Pre-K & K, \$60; 1st & 2nd Grade, \$65; 3rd - 6th Grades, \$70;
(includes medal, shirt, and picnic).

Format: Pre-K & K have practices/games on Saturdays; 1st - 6th Grades have week night practices and weekend games.

Spring Soccer (Apex-Cary)

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

Dates: March - May.

Practice Locations: Apex or Cary, you pick.

Game Locations: Apex & Cary.

Cost: Pre-K - \$60; K - 8th 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 per week and weekend games.

Spring T-Ball and Machine Pitch Baseball (Apex)

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

Dates: April - June.

Practice Locations: Apex only.

Cost: \$65 (includes medal, shirt, and end of year picnic).

Note: Pre-K players have a combined practice/game on Saturdays. K-4th grade will have one weekday practice and a game on Saturday.

Spring Softcrosse (Apex)

Grades: Coed, K thru 5th.

Dates: April - June (6 weeks).

Days/Times: Sunday afternoons.

Location: Apex.

Cost: \$65 (includes medal and end of year picnic).

Equipment needed: Stick and mouth guard.
