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St. Mary Magdalene E-News September 27, 2019

A Note From Father Donald Staib

We have another moment this week to remember and thank all those who helped to build our church, which was dedicated July 17, 2017. On the wall in the corridor of the classrooms are the names of those who were so generous. It took us a while to complete this project - but now we have a visible way to show our thanks.

We received a letter of thanks this week from Catholic Charities for the gifts of money and groceries we received a few weeks back. We donated 2,829 pounds of groceries from the parish and 784 pounds of groceries from our school. In addition the parish gave \$3,042 to help families in need.

CONFESSIONS: There will not be Confessions this Saturday, September 28, because there is a wedding. There will be Confessions on Saturday, October 5, at 10:30.

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



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

We could not have a better gospel today. It dovetails perfectly with our Amos passage. Just as the faithful at Amos' time do not notice the implications of their lifestyle, so Luke's rich man never seems to notice Lazarus "lying at his door." He's consumed with the quality of his clothes and the items on his banquet menus. Stray dogs pay more attention to Lazarus than does the wealthy owner of the house.

One of the greatest obstacles to our becoming other Christs is our complacency with the way things are, especially when others are being hurt by the way things are. I worry the risen Jesus might not give me a bye at the pearly gates just because "I didn't notice." - Father Roger Vermalen Karban

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.

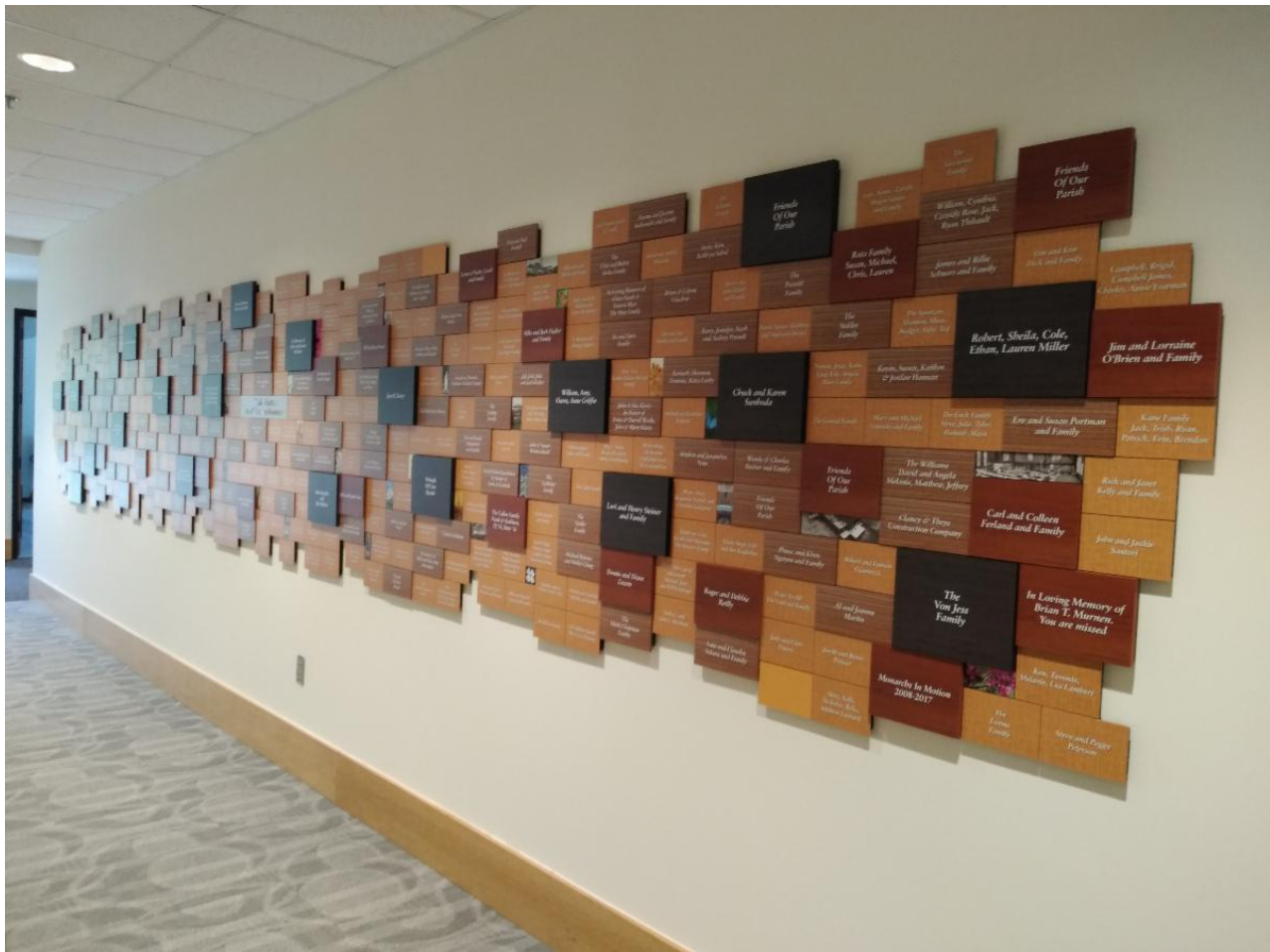
DONATE NOW TO OUR NEW CHURCH

(Click on the above link to Donate)

Pictures of the Week



Donor Wall installed this week



Elementary Religious Ed

Many Thanks to all program families in attendance last week for such a smooth start. It was nice to see so many returning families and to finally meet our new families.

Absent from PREP for Week One? Upon arrival this week into the lobby of the STMM School Building, please stop at the Name Card Table to pick up your child's individual name card with their room number. Take the card to the Catechists and introduce yourself and your child. Room numbers in the 100s are on the first floor. Room numbers in the 200s are on the second floor. **On Sundays, classrooms do not open until 12:00 noon and pick up is at 1:15 at your child's classroom. On Wednesdays, classrooms do not open until 6:30 pm and pick up is at 7:45 at your child's classroom.**

Building Door Policy Following the children's arrival to PREP classes, the front door of STMM School will be locked until five minutes prior to dismissal. If you wish to enter the building during class time, you will need to ring the security buzzer, located outside the main entrance of the School to the right of the doors labeled with the blue dot and will be buzzed in.

- Sundays - Start Time 12:00 pm - doors locked at 12:10 & unlocked at 1:10 for dismissal
- Wednesday - Start Time at 6:30 - doors locked at 6:40 & unlocked at 7:40 for dismissal

Drop Off Procedures Grades PK-Grade 3 - Drop off & Pick-Up each week is at the classroom. Grades 4 - Drop off & Pick-Up is in the school lobby. Every year we request that no student regardless of age is dropped at curbside. Each family is asked to park their car & walk students inside. We thank you for your cooperation concerning this matter.

Helpful Information to Stay Informed www.stmm.church



Weekly Class Times:

Sunday 12-1:15 pm

Wednesday 6:30 - 7:45 pm



Catechesis of the Good Shepherd - Meet in the Atrium located in the Activities Building.

Weekly Class Times:

Sunday Level I - 8:45 - 10:00 & 10:30 - 11:45 am

Sunday Level II - 12:00 - 1:15 pm

Wednesday Level III - 5:00 - 6:00 pm



"THE ROCK" (Reaching Out for Christ) Weekly classes are Sundays 12-1:15 pm. Participants should meet in the Gym of the Activities Building. Keep watch of your email for parent newsletter.

Children's Liturgy



of the Word

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 has the following schedule for Sunday, 9/29/19

4:30PM-5:45PM EDGE MEETS IN THE GYM FOR GRADES 7TH AND 8TH

4:30PM-5:45PM APOSTELLO MEETS IN THE MEDIA CENTER FOR 11TH & 12TH GRADERS
ALREADY CONFIRMED

6PM YOUTH MASS IN THE CHURCH. ALL PARISHONERS WELCOME!

7:15PM-8:30PM THE WAY MEETS IN 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>

SERVICE OPPORTUNITY: STMM YM is looking for 15 teens who are 12 years and older to be 'buddies' for Miracle League on Saturday, October 12th from 10:45am-12:45pm. Please contact Liz Sams for a buddy form to complete and bring with you to the field on 10/12. Miracle League is a wonderful organization that pairs buddies with special needs kids to enjoy a great day playing baseball!!! Awesome service opportunity! Games are played at Adams Elementary in Cary near Cary Towne Center

HS Girls Retreat "Speaking to Sparrows" registration is now open. Forms will be available at The Way on Sunday at the sign in table in the lobby. 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

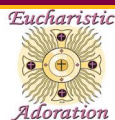
Liz Sams can be reached at liz.sams@gmail.com

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, September 30, 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.

First Friday Adoration



First Friday Adoration will be on Friday October 4. All are encouraged to pay a visit to the chapel throughout the day and spend some time in prayer. However, it is essential that there are people that are scheduled to be there each hour between 8:30AM and 7:00PM. Can you help by committing to 1 hour a month to spend with our Lord? Please contact Anita Becker at ALANITABECKER@AOL.COM or 919-280-8931 if interested.

Discipleship Quads

Being a Disciple is both following Jesus and sharing Jesus (making other Disciples). Franciscan University has created a resource, which is 100% FREE online, to help you accomplish both. Discipleship Quads is a group of four people who journey together for a year, learning about their Catholic faith and how to be a disciple of Jesus. They also receive a process to go forth and make other disciples once the year is complete. For more information, as well as all the free resources needed to get started, visit <https://steubenvilleconferences.com/discipleship-quads/> Contact Joe or Laura Werner at wernerLhome@gmail.com

"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
rondatroywatts@gmail.com by 10/19/19

Out of the Darkness Walk

Out of the Darkness Walk (American Foundation of Suicide Prevention) - When you walk with us, you join with hundreds of people from our community to raise awareness and funds that allow the

American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (AFSP) to invest in new research, create educational programs, advocate for public policy, and support survivors of suicide loss. Most of the funds raised are used here in North Carolina. The walk is September 29th at 1 pm in Fuquay-Varina. For questions or more information on how you can walk with my team, contact Mike Rota at mikerota2018@gmail.com. To donate to my team (Susie's Vintage Monarchs - NC Team) or form your own team, you can visit the walk website: <https://afsp.donordrive.com/index.cfm?fuseaction=donorDrive.event&eventID=5961>.

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, 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* 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

StMM Book Club



StMM Book Club: All are invited to join the StMM Book Club that meets the first Wednesday of the month in Meeting Room 1 in the church. We are a group that enjoys reading a selection of fiction and non-fiction books and sharing our thoughts. If you have questions or want to join us, contact Ann Dudzinski at amdudzinski@gmail.com

Welcome Dinner



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A soup and salad welcome meal for new members of the parish will be held Saturday Oct 12th 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-

Gardening Group



Garden Group News - **AZALEA PLANTING DAY - SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5th !** - Saint Mary Magdalene is the proud recipient of 50 Encore Azaleas, compliments of WRAL. Help is needed to get these beautiful additions to the church landscaping planted, mulched and watered. Plan to gather in the parking lot next to the Columbarium at 11:00 AM. Please bring a shovel and garden rake if you have them. This is a great service hour opportunity for middle school students and scouts.

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 September 28th, 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>

Knights of Columbus



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 September 28th:** *Brookridge Assisted Living Resident Visits in Apex (10:30am & 3:00pm), Sign-up <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0a4cacaf292-brookridge>*
- **40 Days of Life Campaign:** *9am to 10am in Drake Circle, Raleigh: Sep 28, Oct 12, Oct 26, Nov 2*
- **Sunday Oct 13th Parish Breakfast:** *served in the activity building cafeteria after 9am Mass*
- **Pray the 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**
- **Thursday October 3rd: KofC Council 7186 Business Meeting, 7:30pm in the StMM church building**

For more information to becoming a Knight: Visit our website: <http://kofc7186.org> Please contact: Grand Knight (Dan Cantrell) at gkkofc7186@gmail.com or contact our Membership Committee at MembershipKofC7186@gmail.com
