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St. Mary Magdalene E-News

September 6, 2019

A Note From Father Donald Staib

On the Reflection page there is noted the visit of Pope Francis to 3 countries in Africa. All of them have suffered some kind of violence from storms and from political eruptions. By the time you read this we will know any extent of destruction in our Diocese.

Our Catholic Social Ministries has already sent out notices of contacts for people in distress and more information will come in the days ahead.

A look ahead: Priests Retreat is supposed to be September 16 thru September 20 in Wrightsville Beach this year. I am wondering if we have it or will suffer a cancellation as we did last year from Hurricane Florence.

CONFESSIONS: There will be Confessions on Saturday September 7 at 10:30, after Baptisms. And also on Saturday September 14 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.

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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

Pope Francis this week visits Mozambique, Madagascar and Mauritius. Finding those countries may lead us to search for some sort of atlas. In Africa, Pope Francis has already been to Egypt, Kenya, Uganda, the Central African Republic, and Morocco.

Mozambique a country still recovering from the devastating effects of Cyclone Idai - one of the worst tropical cyclones on record to have hit Africa and the Southern Hemisphere. A month after Cyclone Idai, in April this year, Cyclone Kenneth also made landfall in the northern region of the country causing significant damage and loss of life.

Madagascar is a big island nation famous for its Vanilla production and is situated off the southeast coast of Africa. Madagascar gained independence from France in 1960, but its people are fatigued by endless political instability and disputed elections that have sometimes turned violent. The country is also rich in natural resources and boasts of a flourishing tourism industry

Mauritius has a strong correlation between religious affiliation and ethnicity. Citizens of Indian, Pakistani or Bangladeshi origin tend to be predominantly Hindu or Muslim. Those of Chinese ancestry generally practice Buddhism, Anglicanism, or Catholicism. Creoles (persons of African descent) and citizens of European descent are primarily Catholic.

When Pope Francis began his trip this past week he invited everyone to pray for the victims of Hurricane Dorian, which thrashed the Bahamas.

Pope Francis acknowledged the devastation wrecked so far by Hurricane Dorian in his greetings to journalists aboard the papal plane. "Those poor people," he said, "who from one day to the next have lost their homes, everything, even their lives."

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)

Elementary Religious Ed

Registration for all our Elementary Programs ended Saturday, August 31, 2019.

Volunteer Catechists/Core Team are Still needed for the upcoming school Year. There are many

opportunities for you to become involved with the children of our STMM Community. Joining this ministry is a great way to enhance your prayer life and enjoy the fruits of fellowship. There will be an adult, on-site retreat offered in early September to prepare you for our mission. Please generously consider joining our growing team.

Please prayerfully consider joining our amazing team.

Requirements include:

- being a baptized Catholic in good standing with the Church
- a willingness to serve 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ hours per week to a specific grade either Sunday afternoon 12:00 - 1:15 pm, Tuesday evenings 5:00 - 6:15 pm or Wednesday nights 6:30 - 7:45 pm
- Level C Safe Environment approved (which we provide the class here on campus).

Positions Available:

- Teacher/Assistant Teacher/Catechist PREP Grades Pre-K - 4
- AV Person - the ROCK
- Social Media Person - keeps program participants apprised of program events via Twitter, Instagram & Facebook with info provided by Coordinator



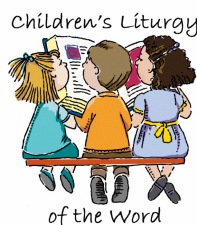
Classes begin the week of September 22, 2019. Keep watch of your email for the PREP Parent Newsletter that will contain first day details.



Catechesis of the Good Shepherd - Classes begin the week of September 22, 2019 and meet in the Atrium located in the Activities Building.



"THE ROCK" (Reaching Out for Christ) begins Sunday, September 22, 2019 at 12:00 pm. Participants should meet in the Gym of the Activities Building.



Children's Liturgy

of the Word

Children's Liturgy of the Word will be held during the Sunday morning liturgies on Sunday, September 22nd. 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.

Youth Ministry

Online late registration for all STMM faith formation programs closed on 9/6/19.

The StMM YM Calendar for the 2019-2020 school year can be found at <http://www.stmm.church/religious-ed/highschool.cfm>

Apostello kicks off 9/8/19 at 4:30pm in the media center, there is no Youth Mass.

First Youth Mass will be 9/22/19 at 6pm,
all parishioners welcome!!!

Opening night for Edge, The Way is 9/22
with Edge from 4:30pm-5:45pm in the gym
& The Way from 7:15pm-8:30pm in the church
after Youth Mass.

Excited to start a new year with all our teens!

Thank you to everyone who prayed for us while we were on the beach retreat! We had an amazing weekend and appreciated all the prayers covering us!

For EDGE, contact Janine McGann at janine.mcgann@gmail.com

For Apostello, The Way, & Confirmation, contact Liz Sams at liz.sams@gmail.com,

October 4-6 2019

EDGE RETREAT REGISTRATION IS OPEN

Calling all 6th, 7th and 8th graders! Join us for a weekend of fun, food and fellowship!

This year's retreat host is Harriet Scott and praise and worship leader is John Finch. You do NOT want to miss this week end.

You can print and fill out a registration form at
<http://www.stmm.church/religious-ed/middleschool.cfm>





PLEASE CONSIDER VOLUNTEERING....

The ROCK needs AV help!

WE ARE IN DESPERATE NEED FOR 4 AV VOLUNTEERS. GREAT NEWS -IT'S ONLY TWO TIMES PER MONTH.
EMAIL JANINE.MCGANN@GMAIL.COM

RCIA



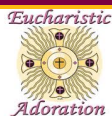
Are you interested in becoming Catholic? Are you Catholic but not confirmed? We can help! The RCIA process at StMM assisted 8 adults in completing their sacraments of initiation at the 2019 Easter Vigil. Our first session will be Monday, September 9, 2019 at 7:30 PM in Room #4 of the church building. 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.

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 Tues, 9/17 at 1pm. 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.

First Friday Adoration



First Friday Adoration will begin again on Friday September 6. 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, September 16, 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 lcmmorris0707@gmail.com

Chrysalis



Want to enrich your marriage and join in fellowship with other married couples? Come and join the Chrysalis Ministry for our first meeting on September 15th, 11:45 am-1:15 pm! Open to all married couples, Chrysalis provides its members with the opportunity to celebrate their marriage with other couples spiritually and socially. Feel free to stop by our information table after all masses September 7th and 8th to chat about the ministry and meet some of the current members. Please email us at stmmchrysalis@gmail.com with any

questions.

Volunteer Request: Volunteers needed for childcare during once-monthly Chrysalis Ministry meetings. Open to C-Level Certified Adults and responsible high school and middle school students (11 years old+). Time commitment is two hours (11:30 am-1:30 pm) one Sunday per month. Service hours available for high school and middle school students!

Responsibilities include:

- Maintaining a safe environment for children 1-4 years old and 5-10 years old
- Supervising play and engaging with children during meetings
- Facilitating a group activity with children

Please RSVP to help at: <https://forms.gle/E1XYShJyoFHLDnbM9>

"Feed-a-Family" Food Drive



Catholic Parish Outreach
A Program of Catholic Charities

Providing Help - Creating Hope - Serving All

"Feed-A-Family" Food Drive Comes to Mary Magdalene - Did you know that Catholic Parish Outreach food pantry gave a week's worth of groceries to an average of 8,200 people / month in 2018? Next week volunteers will be handing out grocery bags with an attached shopping list or **a donation of \$30 feeds a family for one week.** Please help CPO serve the less fortunate in our community by taking a bag and returning it on **September 14th and 15th.** If you have any questions or would like to help with this project, please contact Kelly Rappl at krappl@nc.rr.com or Kathy Barnack at kbarnack@nc.rr.com

Bible Studies



StMM Daytime Bible Study 2019-2020 - Our study program this year is **The Bible Timeline: The Story of Salvation.** This study from Ascension Press covers the whole story of the Bible. The study consists of reading and questions at home, then discussion and a video when we meet together. We will meet for 24 weeks from Sept. 2019 - April 2020. Tuesdays from 1-3 pm starting Sept. 3rd in Room 4 in the Church. Cost: Approx. \$37 Contact: Laurie Wendt, lauriewendt@gmail.com or 919-303-5433 Please let me know if you are interested so I may order the materials



Starting on Tuesday September 10th the **Ladies evening Bible study group** will be meeting each Tuesday in Meeting Room 4 in the church building. This fall we are planning to study **Queen of Heaven, Mary's Battle for You** by Saint Benedict Press. This is an 8 lesson course with commentary by Father Patrick Winslow and presented by Leonardo Defilippis Contact Moira Newns - morian2013@gmail.com (919-244-7865) or Kathy Strednak (919-



The Men's Bible Study, consisting of men from St. Andrews & St. Mary Magdalene, is starting a Catholic Scripture Study (www.cssprogram.net) on Humanae Vitae and the Gospel of Mark. The group meets Sunday evenings from 6:30 PM - 8 PM in Room #4 of STMM's Church building. The first lesson is on Sunday September 8th. All men are welcome. The deadline for signup is September 1st and the cost of materials is estimated to be about \$40. If you are interested, please contact Mike Barnack at 919-363-1948 or stm4@nc.rr.com.



The Friday Morning Men's group is about to start a new series about Father Kapaun and Virtue. The most decorated Chaplain in US Army History, Servant of God Emil Kapaun's story inspires us and reminds us that every man can achieve the greatness to which God has called us. The Kapaun's Men Virtue Series features two of Kapaun's fellow Prisoners of War and invites you to dive into the life of Father Kapaun and the virtues he exemplified. In addition, men from many walks of life help you to understand what virtue looks like in today's world. Intended to be completed in participation with other men, Kapaun's Men is designed to help men accompany one another as we respond to God's invitation to greatness. Please join us on Friday mornings in the church building from 6:15-7:30AM. For more information or questions contact Paul Mastropolo at pmastropolo@gmail.com or 919-518-7424.

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>
- **Tuesday September 24th:** Men's Homeless Shelter Meals, Signup (5:15pm-6:30pm) <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d4ea4ab2a1-mens>
- **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 September 5th:** 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
