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St. Mary Magdalene E-News

April 10, 2020

A Note From Father Donald Staib

In our now distant way of worship - I wish you a Happy Easter. It is an Easter like none we have ever known. Jesus' Resurrection is a message that there will be new life. But for us these are days that feel like we are still in the darkness of the tomb.

We continue to pray for one another and for all those who suffer from the current Covid crisis. We are most grateful to all who are called to service for the sick and the needy.

We are grateful to all in our parish who have contributed by mail or through our website to our on going parish needs. There is a button below and on our website to contribute to the church during this time. And thanks to Mailbox Medic we now have a mailbox in front of the school classroom building. There is a picture below.

There is also a picture of our 2020 Easter Candle. It will be a light to those who will be baptized and to us all when we return.

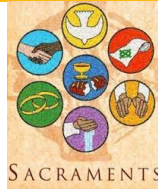
We have been advised not to have Confessions during this time.

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Our 10:45am Mass is Live Streamed!

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

The story of the first Easter morning is one of sadness overshadowed by confusion. What the three disciples - St Mary Magdalene, St Peter, and the Beloved Disciple - had in common was that they didn't flee from tragedy or mystery. They were people of *little faith*; their faith was just strong enough to allow them to distrust their own verdict that this was the last chapter of their story with Jesus. Remembering what went before, they kept going.

What was yet to come eventually made sense of everything that went before it. The disciples recognized the Risen Lord when they realized that just as they had died with him, they also rose with him. It's blessedly confusing and more than a story. It's a mystery. --- Sister Mary M. McGlone

Financial Matters

OUR NEW CHURCH - We have the obligation to make large monthly payments for 13 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.

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Pictures of the Week



2020 Palm Sunday procession of cars



Thank you to Mailbox Medic for installing our own first ever box.
It is at the entrance of our school classroom building.



2020 Easter candle

Parish Office

The Parish Staff is working remotely from home. We have access to email and will be responding during normal business hours.

The Church campus and offices remain closed indefinitely.

Click [here](#) for online spiritual resources.

Commemorative Brick Order



Due to the current Stay-at-Home order, Commemorative Bricks will not be installed this April as expected. The deadline will be extended until May 30th and the bricks will hopefully go in sometime in the summer. We will communicate when they are installed, thank you for your patience.

StMM School News

St.Mary Magdalene Catholic School will be enjoying spring break for the next week. Students will

resume distance learning on Monday, April 20th with the plan of resuming school on-site on Monday, May 18th.

Have a Happy and Blessed Easter!

Parishioner Assistance (Give and Receive)

The pandemic has impacted our brother and sister parishioners in many ways and to varying degrees. As a parish family, we have the opportunity to give support to and receive support from each other. Some of us may be quarantined and others may have the ability to help with errands by going out and picking up groceries, prescriptions or other needs and drop them off at the person's home. Some may benefit from someone to talk to during this time of isolation. Also, having over the phone tech help, for people who are having difficulty with online purchasing or social media would be beneficial.

If you are in need of support or would be willing to provide support, please contact Jim Wall at jim_wall@rocketmail.com. He has generously offered to connect requests with volunteers whether it be running errands, participating in a call list, or technical help. In spite of all this turmoil, know that God has joined us in community - for each other.

Knights of Columbus Operation Feed Thy Neighbor

The Knights of Columbus Council #7186 (based at St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church) is partnering with St. Mary Magdalene, Wake County Human Services and several other local churches in the area to serve desperately needed meals to children, as well as the unemployed & underemployed in the Apex area during the COVID-19 crisis.

We've setup an emergency food distribution site on Saturday and Sunday evenings located right here in Apex. In the first two weekends, we have served over 900 dinners in total to Apex residents who are in need.

We are called by Jesus to be His hands and feet on Earth in feeding the hungry. Your support will enable us to continue to provide healthy meals to our most vulnerable neighbors during this crisis.

Please join (or partner with) us in performing a corporal work of mercy!

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Film Series Metanoia

The Men's and Women's groups are continuing to meet virtually on



Saturday mornings to discuss Fr. Dave Pivonka's *Metanoia* series. All are welcome to watch the segments for free. Men are discussing segment 9 and women segment 10 this Saturday 4/11. Please watch it on your own before Saturday's group.

To join the online discussion, please email Mike McGann at mcgannmi1970@gmail.com or Laura Werner at steubenvillemissionNC@gmail.com and one of them will send you the link to a Zoom meeting. Men's group is meeting from 8-9am and the Women's group from 8:30-9:45am. Please join us!

Ignited By Truth



The 17th annual Ignited By Truth Conference will be held on April 18, 2020, 10am-5pm, **FREE** on the **IBT YouTube Channel** (due to COVID-19). Speakers include Fr. Donald Calloway, Fr. Chris Alar, Matthew Leonard, Jesse Romero, and Dr. John Bergsma. LIVE Vigil Mass at the National Shrine of Divine Mercy will close the online conference.

Please **SHARE** and let's see how many souls we can reach!

For agenda, visit IgnitedByTruth.org.

Tune in at YouTube.com/IgnitedByTruthCatholicConference.

Adult Ministry Survey Extended



Please help! Recently, members of several parish ministries came together to think about how to best share the wonderful adult ministries available at our parish as well as discover what our community still needs. We are a growing parish, and we want to be intentional with how we launch new options for spiritual growth and community-building. With that in mind, we designed an Adult Ministry Survey.

Which ministries do you know about, and what are you looking for? The survey asks about the types of programming you're interested in, the days and times that work best for you, and if you need childcare.

We can't make good decisions without good information, and we won't have good information without you!

We know how busy you are, so the survey is short and easy to take!! You can access the survey in three different ways: this survey link <https://tinyurl.com/STMMSurvey2020>, the above QR code, or by paper copy available in the Gathering Space. The survey will close on March 16th.

Please take five minutes today and help St. Mary Magdalene plan for exciting and engaging faith experiences in the days to come! We are excited to see what the Holy Spirit has planned for our parish!!

Joanne Martin
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