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St. Mary Magdalene E-News

February 28, 2020

A Note From Father Donald Staib

As we begin Lent and draw closer to Easter the church ceremonies for our RCIA members are more prominent in the weekend Liturgy. This week at the 10:45 Mass we have the Rite of Sending of candidates for baptism to our Bishop. They will join with candidates from all over the Diocese at the Cathedral Sunday afternoon. We in our parish support all the efforts of our RCIA program and the people who have attended classes this year.

Thank you so much for all who sent in their support for our parish BAA this week. We now have received \$181,011 which is 94% of our goal. We have received these gifts/pledges from 554 families, 28% of our 2,119 parish families. We await with great anticipation the response of the remaining 1,568 families.

Keep in mind Almsgiving is part of our practice at Lent. A gift to the BAA is Almsgiving and helps our Diocese and its ministries. All fund over goal come back to our parish.

There will be **Confessions** Saturday at 10:30 and also on Saturday March 7 at 10:30, after Baptisms.

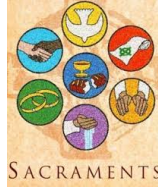
Remember in our prayers those who have died this week. John Lechner, Christopher Pearce, Dale Budd and Joaquin Reyes, III

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

Twofold character of Lent: It's clear that Lent is a penitential season. However, that's just half the story. Lent has a twofold character. First, it is a time to recall or prepare for baptism. That is why we celebrate so many of the rites from the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults during Lent. All the baptized assist those preparing to be initiated by "joining the catechumens in reflecting on the value of the paschal mystery and by renewing their own conversion" (RCIA 4). In Lent, we renew our conversion to Christ, particularly through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving.

Recollecting our baptism leads us to the second character of the season. As members of the baptized, we realize that we have not always lived up to our baptismal promises. Our actions and attitudes do not always reflect our faith in the Father, in Jesus, or in the Holy Spirit. Those preparing for baptism may have their moments of doubt as well. For them and for the baptized, penance, especially through more attentive listening to the word of God and fervent prayer, helps us reorient our lives to Christ and dispose us to celebrate his death and resurrection

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.

DONATE NOW TO OUR NEW CHURCH

(Click on the above link to Donate)

Tax statements are available online. Please follow the directions for printing your statement on our website. http://www.stmm.church/Tax_statement_instructions_2019.pdf
For questions, email prewitt@stmm.net, or 919-657-4800 x7281.

Picture of the Week



PREP and ROCK children had a lesson on burning of ashes
for Ash Wednesday.

Elementary Religious Ed



First Communion Parent Meetings Are Approaching. Parents of second graders and Intermediate Sacrament Students are to attend only one meeting. They will be held in Church Room 3. Please enter through Jonah Door.

- Monday, March 9th 10:30 am or 6:00 pm
- Tuesday, March 10th 10:30 or 6:00 pm

At this meeting you will:

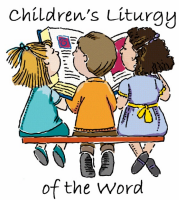
1. Sign up for the Mass you want for First Communion.
Choose from
Saturday 5/9/20 5:00 pm
Sunday 5/10/20 9:00 am or 10:45 am
Saturday 5/16/20 at 5:00 pm
Sunday 5/17/20 9:00 am or 10:45 am
2. Pick up the student banner kit and materials to complete at home and returned the day of the First Communion Retreat.
3. Volunteer for First Communion Retreat held Saturday, May 2, 2020.
4. If you attended the Parent Meeting in 2018 or 2019 with an older child, you are not required to attend but please be sure to contact Suzanne with your liturgy choice and to pick up your materials at the Parish Office.

CPO Toilet Tissue Donations for Grade 4 are scheduled for today, Sunday, March 15th & Wednesday, March 18th. Please donate whatever your means will allow.

Attention Parents of Fourth Graders: You are invited to accompany your fourth grade child on Sunday, March 22 from 12:00 - 1:15 pm in the gym to experience the Rock (Reaching Out for Christ). **The ROCK** is a relational ministry program for preteens in grades five & six that encourages the youth to encounter Jesus Christ and His Church unceasingly. We hold fast to his teachings, foster a Christ-centered community, and seek participation in the sacraments and prayer.



Please join us at noon in the Gym.



Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW) is co-op ministry geared for children ages 3 years to first grade, guiding them through a portion of the Mass in a prayerful, kid-centered way. We would be delighted to have your family join us! Please be sure to register your child(ren) to participate by emailing our ministry at stmmclow@gmail.com. All parents will need to use the online sign-up to serve as parent assistant or C-Level leader throughout the year for this program to continue.

Thank you for helping to make this ministry flourish!



STMM Sister Parish in Haiti & House Building Project

This year, we are inviting every child who is registered in our programs to donate to this worthy cause. Each time we meet, the Haiti House box will be in the lobby for your child to donate coins or dollar bills between now and April 1st. The goal is to take this opportunity to teach the corporal works of mercy and "shelter the homeless." The cost to provide a safe new home for a family in Haiti is \$3,750. Partnering with HMI, every dollar donated will be matched. Please give according to your means.

If you'd like to help us with this effort, please go to this link to donate online via the STMM payment online system: <https://secure.accesssacs.com/access/oglogin.aspx?sn=102397&f>

Use the drop down button "Select a fund" and select "House in Haiti" so we can make sure it goes to the right account.

For every \$3,750.00 we fund raise, Haiti Mission Inc. will match it and a house gets built for a family in Jeremie, Haiti.

If you do not want to donate online, please mail in a check to the parish office with "House in Haiti" in the Memo Line to: StMM, 625 Magdala Place, Apex, NC 27502

Youth Ministry

Our schedule this Sunday, 3/1/20 is as follows:

EDGE 4:30pm-5:45pm

Apostello 4:30pm-5:45pm

Youth Mass 6pm

The Way 7:15pm-8:30pm

Miracle League buddies needed! StMM is looking for 10 'buddies' who are 12 years and older to help kids with special needs to play the great game of baseball! **When:** 3/26 from 6pm-8:45pm at Adams Elementary on Cary Towne Blvd in Cary. To sign up to be a buddy, please send an email to Liz

at liz.sams@gmail.com who will send you a buddy registration form. This is a fantastic and fun way to serve in our community!

GUYS ONLY HIGH SCHOOL RETREAT REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN! LIMITED SPOTS

LEFT! We are so excited to announce the GUYS ONLY HS Retreat 3/6/20-3/8/20. This retreat is open to all guys in grades 9th-12th and will be held at the same location as last year complete with paintball and so much more! Our retreat host will be Matt Regitz who lives in Houston, TX and loves ministering to dudes! The registration form can be found at this link: <http://www.stmm.church/religious-ed/highschool.cfm> and can be turned in at The Way at the sign in table or to Liz Sams attn in the parish office. To secure a spot a teen must turn in a completed registration form along with a 50% deposit. This retreat does not meet the Confirmation guidelines & spots are limited to the # of beds. Transportation is not included in the retreat cost. The retreat is held at a location about 1 hour and 45 minutes away from STMM in Eastern NC. Info is on the retreat form.

Haiti House Building: We have begun our fund raising for another house to be built in Haiti! If you'd like to see a picture of the house that St. Mary Magdalene built through the generous donations of our parish community, please go to this link to see the house and learn about the family who now calls it their home:

<https://www.haitimissioninc.com/hmi-houses-147-current>
(our home is #151)

If you'd like to help us with this effort, please go to this link to donate online via the STMM payment online system:

<https://secure.accessacs.com/access/oglogin.aspx?sn=102397&f>

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Session Starts this Sunday!!!!!!

If you have a teen who:

- Has attended a Catholic HS for 1 year & will attend a Catholic HS next year
- currently in 10th/11th/12th grade
- does not participate in The Way youth group at STMM
- would like to receive the sacrament of Confirmation in May 2020 at STMM

They must have attended Catholic HS for their previous school year to enroll & your family must be a STMM registered parishioner There will be 5 sessions held during the 2nd semester of this school year on Sundays (can only miss 1 session)

3/1, 3/8, 3/15, 3/22, AND 4/5

(Registration will close on 3/1/20 with no exceptions)

Online registration has now closed and you can find the paper form at this link:

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

Lent

ST MARY MAGDALENE

ENCOUNTERING THE HEART OF CHRIST: HOPE AND HEALING IN THE LENTEN SEASON

With Sr. Miriam James Heidland, SOLT



**SANCTUARY OF ST. MARY
MAGDALENE CHURCH
625 MAGDALA PLACE, APEX,
27502**

Sunday March 8: 7:15-8:30
Monday March 9: 7:00-8:30
Tuesday March 10: 7:00-8:30



Join us for Stations of the Cross every Friday during Lent at 7pm in the Church.

Lent Penance Services

Monday, March 2 (7pm)
Tuesday, March 3 (11am)
Thursday, March 12 (7pm)
Wednesday, March 18 (11am)
Tuesday, March 24 (7pm)
Wednesday, March 25 (7pm)
Thursday, March 26 (11am)
Thursday, April 2 (7pm)

St. Raphael, Raleigh
Our Lady of Lourdes, Raleigh
St. Mary Magdalene
St. Michael the Archangel
Holy Name of Jesus Cathedral
St. Michael the Archangel
St. Bernadette, Fuquay Varina
St. Bernadette, Fuquay Varina

Planning for College Workshop



COLLEGE PLANNING SIMPLIFIED

at St. Mary Magdalene School

MARCH 1, 2020 | 7:15
MEDIA CENTER

Join us to learn about:

- College affordability
- Ways to recognize a good fit college
- What matters most on a campus visit
- The college application timeline
- The most important factors in the college admission process

Want to know more? Visit our website at www.advcp.com! For inquiries, please contact us at info@advcp.com.

StMM School News

Our Lenten Journey

Please join the students at StMM School during our special Lenten services.

Lenten Prayer Service - March 2nd at 9:00am in our Church.

Stations of the Cross - March 6th, 20th, 27th at 2:00pm. April 3rd at 9:00am. Held in our Church.

Living Stations - April 9th at 10:30am in the school gym.

Marfan Syndrome Fundraiser

Our middle-school students should be plenty proud! Last week they participated in a "Fill the Heart Challenge" benefitting the Marfan Syndrome Foundation. Homerooms competed against each other to see who could raise the most money. Together they brought in a whopping \$2,113.74 in just 3 days! The fundraiser was organized by 8th grader, Jordan Hannan. This is the 4th year Jordan has coordinated a Marfan fundraiser at school. For the first 3 years Jordan and StMM alum, now Cardinal Gibbons student, Ansley Siano, held bake sale fundraisers. This year, Jordan worked solo on the challenge, which will be her last at SMM School.

StMM Employment Opportunities

St. Mary Magdalene Catholic School has several employment opportunities available for the 2020-21 school year. We are currently accepting resumes for a 1st Grade Teacher, 7th & 8th Grade Science Teacher, 7th & 8th Grade Math Teacher, and a 6th Grade Teacher. Full job postings are available on our website, <http://school.stmm.net/about-stmm/employment.cfm>.

StMM School Availability for the 2020-21 School Year

Full-day 3 and 4 year old preschool classes at StMM are full for the 2020-21 school year! We do have a waitlist and some space remains in the half-day programs. Additionally, next year's 2nd, 4th, 6th, and 8th grades are filling up quickly. If you are interested in StMM School for your child, please don't wait! Apply now at <http://school.stmm.net/admissions/>. Questions? Contact Lydia Binanay at 919-335-8311, binanay@stmm.net.

Calling all PreK3-8th grade girls at StMM church and school! A special **Sweetheart Tea and Dance** is being planned just for you! Grab your best-loved dress and make a date with dad, grandpa, or your favorite uncle to attend this special afternoon on Saturday, March 21st from 2:00-4:00pm in the school gym. There will be games, activities, refreshments and a DJ! Tickets are \$10 per family and can be purchased at <https://payit.nelnet.net/form/GIMjJgzk> through March 13th. Please email Erin Snow at erinsnow@gmail.com or Erin Bonasso at erinbonasso@gmail.com with any questions.

New Film Series Metanoia

Fr. Dave Pivonka's new film series **Metanoia** is here! Join us Saturday mornings starting on February 8 to watch Father Dave's newly-released video series *Metanoia*. Filmed in the Holy Land, this ten-segment, free study promises to open your heart to Jesus in a more profound way. If you enjoyed *The Wild Goose* series, you will love this. The title comes from a Greek word that means "change in one's way of life resulting from spiritual conversion." We hope you will come experience *Metanoia* with us from 8-9:30am every Saturday until the weekend after Easter. The Men's group will meet in Room 3 and the Women's group will meet in Room 4 at Church. No need to RSVP - just come if - and when - you can! Questions, email Laura Werner at steubenvillemissionNC@gmail.com or Mike McGann at mcgannmi1970@gmail.com.

Power and Purpose Conference



BUS TRIP TO STEUBENVILLE CONFERENCE

JUNE 5-7, 2020

Need a recharge in your spiritual life? Wondering about God's purpose for you? Feeling empty, anxious, and needing more peace, joy and love in your life? Reserve your spot at the **Power and Purpose Conference** today! Over 1500 adults come to Franciscan University's beautiful campus in Steubenville, OH each summer to experience the power of the Holy Spirit. They leave with a renewed sense of God's presence in their lives. This conference will draw you deeper into relationship with the Holy Spirit and empower you to live in true freedom and joy.

Registration 2020 Pricing

Early Bird Rate (register by February 28, 2020) \$146

Standard Rate: \$176

Clergy/Religious/Young Adult (Age 18-30) Rate \$97



Please contact Laura Werner at 919-889-9904 or steubenvillemissionNC@gmail.com for more information, travel details, and registration.

First Friday Adoration

Eucharistic



Adoration

First Friday Adoration will be on Friday, March 6th. 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.

Children's Adoration is held the first Friday of each month 230-3pm. All children are welcome. No one is too young to come visit Jesus! The dates for the remainder of the school year are: March 6, April 3, and May 1. Contact Megan Brinkley if you have any questions m.brinkley@hotmail.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, 3/9 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.

Knights of Columbus Fish Fry

Fish Fry Alert!



Save the Date: KofC Annual Lent Fish Fry... - Fri, March 6th, March 20th, and April 3rd in the Dining Hall from 5:30-7:45pm. Come out and enjoy a great meal with friends and family while supporting many worthy community causes championed by the Knights of Columbus. Fish Fry this Friday! Pre-order at www.lentfishfry.com

KofC 2020 Free Throw Championship! Friday, March 6 at 6:00 p.m. Open to boys and girls ages 9-14. Winners in each age group earn prizes and qualify to compete for district-level honors. Details at www.kofc7186.org/youth or contact David Tate at tatedavid2001@gmail.com.

"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 2019? 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 March 7th and 8th**. We are also in great need of books for preschoolers for our children's clothing ministry. 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 kbarnack957@gmail.com

Commemorative Bricks



COMMEMORATIVE BRICKS - Commemorative bricks line the walkway to our Activities Building. St. Mary Magdalene Church will be placing a Spring brick order, the deadline is **March 27th**. The cost is \$100. Order forms are located in the parish office or <http://www.stmm.church/giving/>. Commemorate a First Communion, a Graduation or remember a loved one with an engraved brick.

Respect Life News

Thank you to all who will come together at St. Mary Magdalene's to view "Unplanned" this weekend. And a special thank you to those who have volunteered for this event.

40 Days for Life Spring Campaign in **Raleigh**. Join this campaign of prayer, & peaceful witness for an end to abortion, **Feb. 26, through April 5**. Location: public right-of-way outside Women's Choice Abortion Clinic, 3305 Drake Circle, Raleigh, NC 27607. For more information visit: www.40daysforlife.com/raleigh

SAVE THE DATE! **Sunday, March 15th** Matt Britton, General Counsel for 40 Days for Life will be touring North Carolina, bringing with him **FATHER FRANK PAVONE**, National Director of Priests for Life! One of the most prominent pro-life leaders in the world, Fr. Pavone produces programs regularly for religious and secular radio and TV. Fr. Pavone is a captivating speaker, you won't want to miss this!
CAMPAIGN INFO: www.40daysforlife.com/winstonsalem

Pray the **Rosary for Life** at **10:10** on the **1st** Sunday of the month in the Chapel. Our next Rosary for Life is **Sunday, March 1, 2020**. It is a beautiful way to start the day whether you come before Mass or stay after. Prayer sheets are provided and families with children are welcome.

Knights Corner



Calling all Catholic Men to the Knights of Columbus
"A Catholic Fraternal Service Organization"
4 Principles: Charity / Unity / Fraternity / Patriotism

Our local St. Mary Magdalene council 7186 remains one of the most vibrant and engaged organizations within our community. Did you know your local Knights of Columbus support; weekly rosary on Thursday night in the Chapel for the entire family, Friday morning Men's Bible Study, Catholic Parish Outreach (CPO), Respect Life, Brookridge Assisted Living Resident Visits, Financial support for our Church and School. Consider joining our local council by contacting Dan Cantrel, Grand Knight.

Online membership program at: <http://kofc.org/un/joinus/en/index.html>

KofC 7186 council calendar of events: <https://kofc7186.org/calendar>
