

### Connect With Us

Join Our Mailing List

Forward to a Friend



Visit Our Church Website

### St. Mary Magdalene E-News January 3, 2020

#### A Note From Father Donald Staib

Happy Feast of Epiphany. The Magi were religious seekers. They found what they were looking for. We also are seekers, perhaps still on our journey. May the new year 2020 be a time we are blessed along our way.

We wish a wonderful 100th birthday to one of our parish members: Dr. Vincent Romeo. May God bless all his days to come.

We are saddened to report the deaths of two members of our parish: Al Martin and John Hughes. May God give them peace and give comfort to their families.

**CONFESSIONS** - There will be confessions on Saturday January 4 at 10:30 after Baptisms. And also on Saturday January 11 at 10:30.

Father Donald Staib  
[donfs22@aol.com](mailto:donfs22@aol.com)  
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

On Epiphany we have the story of the Magi, pilgrims who were obviously well-educated and sufficiently wealthy. They were open enough to look beyond the limits of their own wisdom. They were so hungry for more meaning in life that they went to a foreign land and consulted the wisdom of an alien tradition.

When they learned what they could from the Jewish theologians, they continued on the way their own lights led them. Finally, they met the mother and child and discerned that they had found what they were seeking.

In the end, Matthew simply says, "They departed for their country by another way." That's another way of telling us they were not the same as they had been when they set off on the journey. We know nothing more about them.

This is a story about the unexpected and unfinished. Note that the Magi, who came bearing rich gifts, offered nothing to Herod and his court. Royal splendor failed to impress them. But their own religious symbol, the star that called them beyond the familiar, led them to a simple family. - Sister Mary McGlone

## 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



All PREP & Catechesis of the Good Shepherd resume the week of January 5, 2020.

There will be no PREP or CGS classes on Sunday, January 19th.

**Inclement Weather Policy** - PREP & Catechesis of the Good Shepherd does NOT follow the decisions made by the Wake County school system or StMM Catholic School. Decisions are made by the program coordinator. Once the decision is made to close the elementary programs, (PREP, ROCK & CGS) we notify WRAL with a posting. If you don't see StMM on the band running across the bottom of the television then it is safe to conclude that we are in session. When available we will also post it on the parish website as well as send an email to all registered program families.

**CPO Donations Grade 2** - Your date for toilet paper contributions for Catholic Parish Outreach is the

week of January 12<sup>th</sup> & 15th.

**First Reconciliation Retreat** is Saturday, February 1, 2020 for all students in Grade 2 & the Wednesday Evening Intermediate Sacrament Program from 8:30 am-12 noon in the Activities Building.

**First Reconciliation Dates for Religious Education Students are**

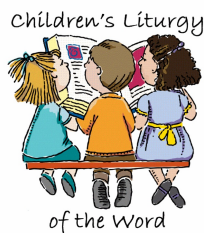
Tuesday, February 4th at 6:30 pm & Wednesday, February 5th at 6:30 pm. First Reconciliation Date for StMM School Students is Thursday, February 6th from 10:00 am -11:00 am during the regular school day.

**First Eucharist Retreat** is Saturday, May 2, 2020 for all students in Grade 2 & Wednesday Evening Intermediate Sacrament Program from 8:30 - 12:00 noon in the Activities Building.

**2020 First Eucharist Dates** May 9th/10th and May 16th/17th. First Eucharist is received at the 5pm/9am/10:45am on either weekend. Families pick their own date. They are not assigned. Parents will give us date at the March First Eucharist Parent meetings.



The program will resume the week of January 5th, 2020.



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](mailto: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](mailto:nicolesebik@yahoo.com) or Joe, [jsebik@icloud.com](mailto:jsebik@icloud.com).

## Youth Ministry

STMM YM programs are off for Christmas break and will return on 1/5/20  
Wishing all of our families and volunteers a blessed Christmas & Happy New Year!

**Winter High School Retreat Registration is open:** Our winter retreat will be held 1/31-2/2 at Camp Caraway in Sophia, NC. This year's retreat will be hosted by the amazing speaker and worship leader Andrew Laubacher! Andrew has spoken at youth conferences all over the world and we are excited to welcome him to a STMM retreat. Retreat is open to all in grades 9th-12th & the registration form can be found at this link: <http://www.stmm.church/religious-ed/highschool.cfm>. These retreats are packed with great music, games, prayer, fun, fellowship, and opportunities to grow in our faith as a community! To secure a spot teens must turn in a completed registration form with a 50% deposit. This retreat does meet the Confirmation guidelines. Forms can be turned in at The Way or to the attn of Liz Sams in the parish office. Spots are filled on a first come first serve basis & our spots are limited to the # of seats on the bus & beds available on site.

**GUYS ONLY HIGH SCHOOL RETREAT REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!** 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)

Thank you to everyone who contributed to this cause last year. We will begin collecting again this Sunday at our different programs to build more houses this year. 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>

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

#### If you have a teen who:

- attends Catholic HS
- 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

Please go to this link to register your teen for Confirmation 2020 preparation 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:

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

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

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

## RCIA



**RCIA** - There are no RCIA sessions on December 23rd and December 30th. The next session is Monday, Jan. 6th at 7:30 pm in Church Room 4. The discussion topic is: The Holy Spirit. Question please contact Kathy or Scott Strednak at [RCIA@stmm.me](mailto:RCIA@stmm.me).

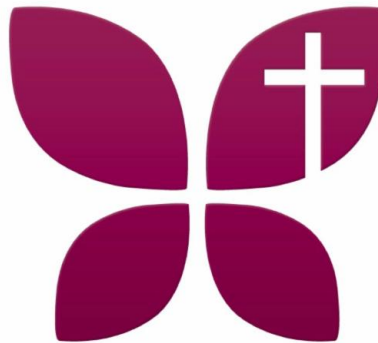
## Safe Environment



**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, 1/14 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](mailto:bsmith@stmm.net)) to register and to get meeting location.

# Become a Monarch!

## Apply now!



Applications for the 2020-2021 school year are available on our Admissions website: <http://school.stmm.net/admissions/>

Need more info?

Call Lydia Binanay at 919-657-4800 ext 7296 for a tour of our campus.

## StMM School Business Manager

Recently our School Business Manager Sheila Lattner, announced her plan to retire at the end of February. We will soon establish a Search Committee, but meanwhile we are advertising in appropriate places.

For additional information go to <http://school.stmm.net/about-stmm/employment.cfm> . There are additional details for applicants.

## Discipleship Quads

Introducing a new convenient, small-group, opportunity for STMM adult parishioners - **Discipleship Quads!!** Quads are based on a model that has over thirty years of success. It is gender-specific and free. Start any time. Your journey with the **Discipleship Quad** will deepen your faith and equip you with the tools you need to help rebuild our Church at a time when we desperately need disciples.

Contact Laura Werner at [steubenvillemissionNC@gmail.com](mailto:steubenvillemissionNC@gmail.com) or go to <https://steubenvilleconferences.com/discipleship-quads/>.

## 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](mailto:steubenvillemissionNC@gmail.com) for more information, travel details, and registration.

## 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 Jan 19-25. Let's start the new year by showing our support for others! Please stop by tables in the lobby the weekend of January 4-5 to select your volunteer activity or item for donation. We

could not do this without you, and need many volunteers 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

\*\*\*In addition, we are looking for individuals to serve on the St. Andrew/STMM Family Promise Core Team. Core team members serve twice a year and open positions include Food Coordinator, Activities Coordinator, and Overnight Host Coordinator.

Please contact Mary Wire at [mbwire@gmail.com](mailto:mbwire@gmail.com) or 919-749-8932 with questions or to discuss position details.

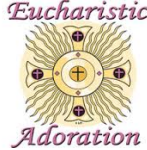
## Catholic Senior Organization



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, January 20, 9:30am - 11am, in Church meeting room #1. For more information, please contact Miriam Moore, [miriamdel79@yahoo.com](mailto:miriamdel79@yahoo.com), 919-387-8676 or Fran Hughes, [gmomfran@gmail.com](mailto:gmomfran@gmail.com).

## First Friday Adoration

**New Date First Friday Adoration** will be on Friday, January 10th. 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 2:00PM. Can you help by committing to 1 hour a month to spend with our Lord? Please contact Anita Becker at [ALANITABECKER@AOL.COM](mailto: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: Feb 7, March 6, April 3, and May 1. Contact Megan Brinkley if you have any questions [mbrinkley@hotmail.com](mailto:mbrinkley@hotmail.com)

## Respect Life News

Pray the **Rosary for Life at 10:10** on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month in the Chapel. Our next Rosary for Life is **Sunday, January 5<sup>th</sup>**. 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.

Please mark your calendar for the upcoming March for Life events: NC Rally and March for Life - Saturday, **January 18, 2020**, Raleigh, NC and 47th March for Life - Friday, **January 24, 2020**, National Mall, Washington, DC.

If you have any questions regarding StMM Respect Life please feel free to contact Paula Hils [pshils@bellsouth.net](mailto:pshils@bellsouth.net) or Jane Breslin [breslinjane@verizon.net](mailto:breslinjane@verizon.net)

## Knights Corner



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

**Events:** The next parish breakfast will be Sunday January 12th after 9am mass.

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>

---