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St. Mary Magdalene E-News

April 3, 2020

A Note From Father Donald Staib

Holy Week begins on Palm Sunday. None of us have remembered Jesus' death and Resurrection as we will this year. There is much to pray for and many people who are suffering in the present circumstances. We keep in prayer the sick and those who care for them, for those whose jobs are in jeopardy, for our children who have to find new ways to be at school. May all our communities soon come together again.

Here is our very abridged church schedule this week.

Live streamed Mass on Palm Sunday at 10:45. There will be Palms on the brick bench at the drive thru on the south side of the church. They will be in plastic wrappings and you are welcome to come for some on your way to groceries or other necessary trips. We will put them out around 10 am Sunday and leave them there all day.

Holy Thursday Mass will be live-streamed at 7 pm. I will miss the Foot Washing part of Holy Thursday. It is always a reminder of our service to one another.

On Good Friday there will be Stations of the Cross at noon and there will be a reflection on Jesus' 7 Last Words at 3 pm.

On Easter Sunday live streamed Mass will be at 10:45.

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. Blessings on those who use direct deposit. We plan soon to have a mail box in front of the school.

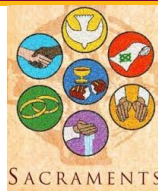
We have been advised not to have Confessions during this time.

Donate to Offertory

Our 10:45am Mass is Live Streamed!

Click [HERE](#) to Live Stream our 10:45am Mass
and Stations of the Cross 7pm Fridays

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

"'Why are you afraid? Have you no faith?' Lord, you are calling to us, calling us to faith. Which is not so much believing that you exist, but coming to you and trusting in you... your call reverberates urgently: 'Be converted!', 'Return to me with all your heart' (Joel 2:12). You are calling on us to seize this time of trial as a time of choosing... a time to choose what matters and what passes away, a time to separate what is necessary from what is not..."

"We need the Lord, like ancient navigators needed the stars. Let us invite Jesus into the boats of our lives. Let us hand over our fears to him so that he can conquer them. Like the disciples, we will experience that with him on board there will be no shipwreck. Because this is God's strength: turning to the good everything that happens to us..." --- Pope Francis, Urbi et Orbi, March 27, 2020

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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For questions, email prewitt@stmm.net, or 919-657-4800 x7281.

Picture of the Week



Wedding of Kate Vitiello and Michael Nachajski
on March 14th

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

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SPECIAL

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

Hats off to all of our StMM school community as we continue to work together in navigating the world of distance learning! All of our hard work and cooperation ensures that our students stay on top of their studies and on track to successfully complete their curriculums.

As previously scheduled, St. Mary Magdalene Catholic School will observe spring break beginning at 11:30am on Thursday, April 9th. We hope this well-deserved break provides both students and staff with time to relax and recharge. We will hit the ground running, virtually, on Monday, April 20th with the plan of resuming school on-site on Monday, May 18th.

Don't forget that our school website has tons of updates, online learning resources and helpful links. Check it out at <http://school.stmm.net/school-life/corona-update.cfm>. Our social media sites also have weekday announcements from our students, and weekly updates from Father Staib and Principal Mihalyo.

Prayers for health and safety to all of those in our community and healing to those affected by the virus.

Knights of Columbus Fish Fry Postponed

Fish Fry Alert!



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The Knights of Columbus will be postponing the April 3rd Fish Fry. Once it is appropriate to do so, we will look at creating a post-lenten event to serve the community and support our important causes. In the meantime, we encourage you to support local restaurants with take-out options that have been hurting in the current environment.

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. Go to wildgoose.tv to watch the segments for free. Men are

discussing segment 8 and women segment 9 this Saturday 4/4. 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.

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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