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A Note From Father Donald Staib

Lately I have been mentioning anniversaries of our parish; here is another one: on the 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time 2012 I made the first public announcement of our plans to build a new church. It took 5 years from that announcement to the completion of construction in 2017.

Here is some information I may refer to in this week's homily - there are communities called L'Arche communities in the United States and in other countries. L'Arche [which means The Ark] provide homes and workplaces where people with and without intellectual disabilities live and work together as peers; create inclusive communities of faith and friendship; and transform society through relationships that cross social boundaries. A person who once lived in a L'Arche community is Father Henri Nouwen; I included in the Reflection some other aspects of his writing.

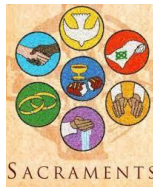
CONFESSIONS: There will **not** be Confessions on Saturday August 25. There will be Confessions Saturday September 1 at 10:30 am.

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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

HENRI NOUWEN

Father Henri Nouwen wrote a book called *The Wounded Healer* - it is a hope-filled and profoundly simple book that speaks directly to those men and women who want to be of service in their church or community, but have found the traditional ways often threatening and ineffective. In this book, Henri Nouwen combines creative case studies of ministry with stories from diverse cultures and religious traditions in preparing a new model for ministry. Weaving keen cultural analysis with his psychological and religious insights, Nouwen has come up with a balanced and creative theology of service that begins with the realization of fundamental woundedness in human nature.

Emphasizing that which is in humanity common to both minister and believer, this woundedness can serve as a source of strength and healing when counseling others. Nouwen proceeds to develop his approach to ministry with an analysis of sufferings - a suffering world, a suffering generation, a suffering person, and a suffering minister. It is his contention that ministers are called to recognize the sufferings of their time in their own hearts and make that recognition the starting point of their service.

For Nouwen, ministers must be willing to go beyond their professional role and leave themselves open as fellow human beings with the same wounds and suffering - in the image of Christ. In other words, we heal from our own wounds. Filled with examples from everyday experience, *The Wounded Healer* is a thoughtful and insightful guide that will be welcomed by anyone engaged in the service of others.

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)

Religious Education

Looking to meet new people? Looking to get involved in parish life?

We Need You! We have 44 catechists in place for this year's Religious Education classes and we need 26 more. Smaller class size works best for our students as well as our catechists.

All lesson plans & materials are provided to you each week. All you need to do is bring your enthusiasm. Each class has 2 Adult, Level C Safe Environment catechists.

The time commitment is 75 minutes a week for 30 weeks. Choose the class that works best for your schedule: Sundays from 12p-1:15p / Tuesdays from 5p-6:15p / Wednesdays 6:30p-7:45p. Programs are closed the weeks surrounding Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter. We are beginning the week of September 23rd & will end the beginning of May.

Catechist Openings: Sundays-Grade K/1/2/3/4/5...Tuesdays-Grade K/1/2/3/4/5...Wednesdays-Grade 3. Some of these classes already have 1 catechist in place while others have 2 vacancies.

Contact either Celeste at usischon@stmm.net OR Suzanne at will@stmm.net.

Youth Ministry Registration

Registration for the 2018-2019 school year/Confirmation 2019 went LIVE on July 1st at <http://www.stmm.church/religious-ed/highschool.cfm>

Registration closes 8/31. Late fee of \$50.00 will apply for any registrations after 8/31

EDGE is for rising 6th-8th graders & meets from 4:30pm-5:45pm on Sundays

The Way is for rising 9th-12th graders not yet confirmed & meets from 7:15pm-8:30pm on Sundays

Apostello is for rising 11th & 12th graders already confirmed & meets from 4:30pm-5:45pm on Sundays

You can find the STMM YM Calendar for the 2018-2019 school year at www.stmm.net under the religious education tab!! Apostello kicks off 9/9/18
First youth mass, EDGE, & The Way will be on 9/23/18.

DAWG's

DAWG's: OPEN TO RISING 9th GRADERS OVER THE SUMMER!! Led by Danny Fitzpatrick & a team of college guys, **DAWG's** is for guys in HS who desire healthy brotherhood in their lives. You don't have to be a member of StMM YM to attend. Here you can be yourself, talk about the tough topics, share the ups and downs of your HS lives and of course just have some fun! **DAWG's** is scheduled to meet: 6pm-8:30pm.(come for all or some) For more info please contact Danny Fitzpatrick at: dpfitzpa@gmail.com with questions. September Dates coming soon! Keep an eye out!

Follow **DAWG's** on instagram: [dawgs.stmm](https://www.instagram.com/dawgs.stmm)

E-Circle

E Circle IS OPEN TO RISING 9TH GRADERS OVER THE SUMMER!! E CIRCLE is a ministry open to all HS girls who desire healthy sisterhood in their lives. You don't have to be a member of StMM YM to attend. E Circle is a place for HS women where you can be yourself and talk about tough topics, share joys & concerns, & have some fun during these crazy busy HS years.

Follow E Circle on social media for more updates! Insta: stmm_ecircle Twitter: STMM E-Circle. Snap: e-circle E Circle is led by Leah Beavers & Claire Fitzpatrick.

Youth Music Ministry



Hey everyone, Taylor Wray here! I am the director of STMM's Youth Music Ministry and we are in search of a few people who would be interested in joining us this year! We are looking for a bass guitarist, a violinist, and an experienced male vocalist. All interested members will go through a short (& painless audition) and must be in high school or older! We start rehearsals soon, so if you are interested or have any questions, please email me at stmmymusicministry@gmail.com

Extraordinary Ministers Training



Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist in the Sacred Liturgy Training is set for Thursday, August 30th at 10:30a-12p OR 7p-8:30p in Church Room 4. Please use entrance behind the Jonah statue. You need to attend only one session. RSVP is needed by Tuesday, August 28th to Celeste at usichon@stmm.net. Come if you need a

brush up or new to the ministry.

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 sessions are Mon, 9/10 at 6:30pm; Thurs, 9/13 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 for meeting room.

Men's Bible Study

The Men's Bible Study, consisting of men from St. Andrews & St. Mary Magdalene, is starting a Catholic Scripture Study (www.cssprogram.net) on Joshua, Judges, & Ruth. The group meets Sunday evenings from 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM in Room #4 of the church. The first lesson is on

Sunday September 9th. All men are welcome. The deadline for signup is September 2nd 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.

Eucharistic Adoration



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament/Eucharistic Adoration-StMM has Adoration available every Friday in the Chapel after daily Mass. On the First Friday of each month Adoration begins after daily Mass and ends at 7pm. Join us on Sept. 7th.

This requires that we have many people committed to praying in front of the Blessed Sacrament throughout the day. We always need more people for this ministry! Please consider committing 1 hour each month. On all of the other Fridays throughout the year we have 1 hour of Adoration after the 8:15am daily Mass. Take advantage of these opportunities to spend time with the Lord. If you would like to participate contact Anita Becker at 919-642-0441 or AlAnitaBecker@aol.com.

Daytime Bible Study



StMM Daytime Bible Study Group Fall Study We will be using the Word On Fire: Pivotal Players with Bishop Robert Barron. Discover the figures who shaped the church and changed the world. Tuesdays from 1-3pm Dates: Sept. 11- Nov. 6 and Jan. 8--Feb. 5 in Church meeting room #4. Let me know if you would like to join us. Contact: Laurie

Wendt, lauriewendt@gmail.com or 919-669-9455.

Commemorative Brick Order



COMMEMORATIVE BRICKS - Commemorative bricks line our brick walkway entrance to the Activities Building and are a wonderful way to honor a loved one - living or deceased. Cost \$100. Order forms can be found in the school and church

office or on <http://www.stmm.church/giving/commemorativebricks.cfm>. Return your completed form with your check to the church office or drop it in the collection basket. **Deadline for the next order is September 14.**

Women's Evening Bible Group



Starting on Tuesday September 11th 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 Entertaining Angels (Catholic Scripture Study International). This is a 10 lesson course with commentary by Mike Aquilina and presented by Fr. Mitch Pacwa. Contact Moira News - mbnews@aol.com or 919-244-7865 - if you have any questions about the study or if you would like to join us.

StMM Book Club



StMM BOOK CLUB - For fellowship and sharing, please join us in reading Catholic literature and spiritually meaningful novels. Our first meeting is Wednesday, September 5 from 12:30-2:30 in Room #1 of our church. Brownbag snacks and

lunches encouraged! Facilitated by Dee Towle (deetowle@gmail.com, 919-267-6370) and Ronda Watts (rondatroywatts@gmail.com, 919-218-2504). Hope to see you soon!

Parish Athletics

Fall T-ball & Machine-pitch (Apex-Cary Grades: Coed. Pre-K (4 year-olds) to 4th;
Dates: September - October. **Cost:** \$65 (includes medal, shirt, hat, and picnic); **Practice Locations:** Apex & Cary. **Game Locations:** Most games in Apex, but some could be in Cary; **Note:** Pre-k players have a combined practice/game on Saturdays. K-4th grade have one weekday practice per weekend and games on Saturdays; Format: Pre-k & Kindergarteners play T-ball and 1st to 4th graders play Machine-pitch.

Fall Flag Football (Apex-Cary) Grades: Coed; Pre-K (4 year-olds) to 5th; **Dates:** September - November. **Practice Location:** Cary & Apex; **Game Location:** Apex; **Cost:** Pre-k, \$55; K-5th Grade, \$60 (includes medal, shirt, and picnic); Format: Pre-K will have practices/games on Saturdays; K-5th grades will have one weekday practice and games on Friday nights.

Register at <https://parishathleticsnc.org>

'Knight's Corner'



"Second Sunday" Parish Breakfast- Come enjoy breakfast with friends and family, expertly prepared by the Knights. Our next breakfasts will be Sunday Sept 9th following the 9am & 10:45am Masses in the activity building. Cost is \$8 for adults, \$5 for children 12 and under. Meal includes pancakes, scrambled eggs, choice of bacon, ham or sausage, along with coffee, milk and orange juice. All proceeds to benefit the new church.

WE WILL RISE 9.17.18 RISE is a 30-Day Challenge for all men, by Chris Stefanick and Bill Donaghy. On September 17th, men from around the world will step-up to the RISE Challenge together. The RISE 30-day challenge has had a profound impact on thousands of men of all ages. The StMM Knights of Columbus Council 7186 is offering to pay the \$35 fee for the first 15 men who sign up. Please contact Ryan Evenson at eever45@yahoo.com for more details. www.MenRiseUp.org



If you are interested in learning more about becoming a Knight of Columbus, please contact the Grand Knight (Tom Blum) at gkkofc7186@gmail.com or contact our Membership Committee at MembershipKofC7186@gmail.com

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