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A Note From Father Donald Staib

I read this about our holiday this weekend: *Labor Day, an annual celebration of workers and their achievements, originated during one of American labor history's most dismal chapters. In the late 1800s, at the height of the Industrial Revolution in the United States, the average American worked 12-hour days and seven-day weeks in order to eke out a basic living. Despite restrictions in some states, children as young as 5 or 6 toiled in mills, factories and mines across the country, earning a fraction of their adult counterparts' wages.*

Labor Day was declared a holiday in 1894 - and then began efforts to remove abuses of laborers. Today we honor workers who are dedicated to help our country grow and we honor those who strive to make working conditions safe and make workers' pay sufficient for families to thrive.

I am grateful to all who work and provide support to make St Mary Magdalene a helpful place for people to come to worship, to learn, and to grow in faith.

This week I make special mention to all those who help in our Marriage Preparation efforts and to all those who help coordinate the weddings we have. We have some very talented and dedicated members of the parish who have come to volunteer for these memorable events in people's lives.

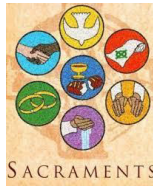
CONFESSIONS: There will be Confessions Saturday September 1 and Saturday September 8 at 10:30 am.

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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

So What Do We Do?

We pray. More than we ever have, with more fervor, passion and hope than ever before. We cry out in anguish, we cling to the merciful and just Lord, and we beg him to cast out Satan and all his evil works and shed light on the truth.

We go to Mass. We sit in that pew, we sing, we sit, we stand, we kneel, we receive the Eucharist, and we go forth proclaiming the Gospel with our very lives, knowing full well that without the Mass, we will not survive, and without us, the church will not be who she needs to be in the world.

We demand transparency. We insist upon independent and thorough investigations, from top to bottom. We stay. We remain. We proudly, definitively and without hesitation declare that we are Catholic, and we live our Catholic faith more boldly than ever before.

I know this is all far easier to write about than it will be to execute. When staring into the face of abuse and grave sins, it would be far easier to simply walk away. When people go looking for answers to injustices in the church, sometimes lies are told and sides are almost always picked. We look at this church and think: "How can I stay here, in the midst of this sickness and destruction and dishonesty? Surely there's someplace better."

But there isn't. Despite hurt and confusion and fear and doubt, we are called to remain, firmly rooted in the belief that Jesus Christ established this church, built it upon a rock and calls us to stay. -

Katie Prejean McGrady a U.S. delegate sent by the American Bishops to the Vatican's pre-synod gathering of young people.

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)

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>

Regular Online Registration ended as of 8/31. Late registration will remain open until 9/8/18 & will include a late fee of \$50.00. After 9/8 programs will be officially closed & spots will be offered on a case by case basis.

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.

High School Retreat



We had an amazing time on our 2018 High School Beach Retreat 8/14 -8/16 "Relentless"! Thanks to everyone who prayed for us or adopted a teen/adult.

Youth Music Ministry



Image by: Ian MacDonald

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 stmm youthmusicministry@gmail.com

Friday Morning Men's Faith Formation Group



The Friday Morning Men's Faith Formation group will be watching CATHOLICISM: The Pivotal Players by Bishop Robert Barron, a multi-part film series that illumines a handful of saints, artists, mystics, and scholars who not only shaped the life of the Church but changed the course of civilization. The group meets on Friday mornings

from 6:15-7:30am in the church building starting on 9/14. Please contact Paul Mastropolo (pmastropolo@gmail.com or 919-518-7424).

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.

Single/Single Again Group



On Saturday September 15th at 7pm please join the Southwest Wake Catholic Singles / Singles Again Ministry for an evening at Dean's at 1080 Darrington Dr, Cary. Bring a friend to introduce to the group. All are welcome. Please RSVP to Mike Burger at 919-349-2500 via text phone call or email to michaelwburger@gmail.com. Hope to see you there! <https://www.deanskitchenandbar.com/>

Catholic Senior Organization



The CSO (Catholic Senior Organization for men and women 60+) meets every third Monday of the month, September-May. Our next meeting will take place Monday, Sept 17, 9:30-11am, in Church meeting room #1. Additionally, the CSO knitting and crocheting group will be meeting on Monday, Sept 24, from 1-3pm, in meeting room #1. For more information, please contact Miriam Moore miriamdel79@yahoo.com, 919-387-8676 or Fran Hughes, gmomfran@gmail.com.

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 Newns - 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 (rondatroypwatts@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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