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A Note From Father Donald Staib

You might note this week that there are bookcases in our corridor and in the meeting rooms. These books belonged to our Deacon John Hubisz and have been donated by his wife Jola to St Mary Magdalene. We are most grateful for this gift.

If you would like to borrow a book to read, you are welcome to do so. We will have to rely on the honor system for now. So bring the book back after you have finished. The books are not organized; perhaps we can do that later.

I am most grateful to the Knights of Columbus for taking the time on Saturday to move the books. It was a monumental task and I appreciate the dedication of the Knights to all our parish endeavors.

Our parish is grateful for the additional gifts members have made to the offertory and paying for the new church. We have not asked for an increase in offertory since seeking pledges for the new church. But now it is time to ask - the operating costs of the church are larger and we would like to consider our staffing needs as we grow. Our membership has increased by 300 families in the past year.

We received a thank you note from Catholic Charities for the donation of 1,616 pounds of groceries and \$1,815 from the church and 1,302 pounds of groceries from our school. In September Catholic Parish Outreach gave assistance to over 7,400 people.

In the month of November we remember all those who have died. We are grateful for what they have given to us during life and we pray for them eternal rest.

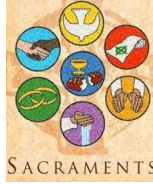
CONFESSIONS: There will be Confessions at 10:30 am Saturday, November 3, after Baptisms. And also on November 10, after Baptisms.

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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

Gerard O'Connell of America magazine reports on final Synod Document

In the final document from the Synod on Young People, the Faith and Vocational Discernment, the synod fathers wrote about the great diversity of situations of young people in a globalized world marked by grave injustices, poverty and violence, as well as the opportunities and the challenges they face in the new digital world. The document also covers the phenomenon of migration, sexuality in the lives of young people, the various kinds of abuses in the church, the role of women in the church, synodality and what it means to build a synodal church, and the importance of discernment in the life of the church and of young people as they seek to find their vocation in life.

The final document was approved on the evening of Oct. 27 by a majority vote. But not everyone was happy with the result, which was released to the press in Italian at the end of the session, together with the voting results. A two-thirds majority (166 votes) was required for its approval, and the text was approved by a vote of 191 (in favor) to 43 (against). The opposition to the text did not come as a complete surprise as many synod fathers were distinctly unhappy that the text was only available to them in Italian, a language not all are fluent in, while others do not want change in the church's approach to some issues.

Financial Matters

OUR GIVING PATTERNS

For the year 2017 here are the giving patterns of our parish per week
The numbers include Offertory and Gifts for the New Church

115 gave \$75 or over per week	105 gave \$50-\$74
244 gave \$25-\$49	427 gave \$10-\$24
205 gave \$5-\$9	247 gave \$1-\$4
122 gave less than \$1	368 have no record of giving

The **2017-2018 Financial Report** is now available on the Church website at www.stmm.church/annual_report_2018_to_parish.pdf.

Stock Donations Before Year's End? If you are considering a tax deductible stock donation before the end of 2018 the process is easy. Go to <http://dioceseofraleigh.org/give> and download the stock donation form. A contact person is listed on the form should you have questions. All stock donations are processed through the Diocese of Raleigh and proceeds are forwarded to the parish.

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)

Picture of the Week



The Wedding of Sidney Durand and Chase Keesling on Saturday, October 27th

October Baptisms

In October we welcomed the following babies into our church through the Sacrament of Baptism.

Lydia Marie Crowley October 6th
Ashton Duke Damore October 13th
Justin Matthew Stobl October 27th

Youth Ministry Haiti Service Project

StMM Youth Ministry programs are teaming up to build a house in Jeremie, Haiti through the group, Haiti Mission Inc. You can learn more about this organization on their website at <http://www.haitimissioninc.com/>. We are challenging every teen who is registered in either the EDGE, The Way, and Apostello to donate \$7.25 between now and April 1st. This would give us the \$3,750 to partner with HMI and provide a safe new home for a family in Haiti. In April 2018 Janine and Liz went on a mission trip to Haiti and saw firsthand the incredibly life changing work HMI is doing in the Jeremie area and felt a strong call to connect our StMM YM teens & families with HMI. Our youth can have a profound impact on the life of a family living in complete despair and allow them to have a safe place to sleep, gather, eat, live....something all of us take for granted. Anybody can donate to this cause and if we raise more than the \$3,750 minimum, we'll build two houses! Our vision is for our community to accompany the people of Jeremie and join HMI in their mission of moving people from despair into poverty. Thank you for your support! To donate, click [HERE](#).

Appalachia Service Project 2019



All StMM Appalachia Service Project (ASP) applications must be submitted to Taylor Wray by Sunday, November 4, 8:30pm. If you have any questions or would like an application before the deadline, please contact Taylor Wray at stmmas@gmail.com.

Thanksgiving Meal Collection



Western Wake Crisis Ministry Thanksgiving Meal Collection. Our parish will be collecting food to donate to Western Wake Crisis Ministry (WWCM) in Apex for Thanksgiving Meals for needy families. **Please stop by the donation table in the Narthex during the weekends of Nov. 3rd/4th and Nov. 10th/11th to pick up a donation tag.** All donations must be brought to StMM before all Masses on the weekend of Nov. 18th/19th; but no later than 10:45 am on the 19th to allow time for delivery to WWCM. All checks for turkeys or complete meals should be made payable to WWCM.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion Training



Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion in the Sacred Liturgy Training dates are set for Sunday, November 11th **OR** Sunday, December 9th from 2p-4p in Church Room 4. Use the entrance behind the statue of Jonah on the piazza. Contact Celeste at usischon@stmm.net for November 11th training. Contact Lisa at lisa.westberg@duke-energy.com for December 9th.

Children's Liturgy of the Word



Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW) has begun. This coop ministry guides children ages 3 years to first grade through a portion of the Mass in a prayerful, kid-centered way. **Register your child(ren) at the CLOW table outside of Mass or simply email Celeste Usischon usischon@stmm.net to participate.** All parents will need to take a turn to serve as either parent assistant or C-Level leader. Thank you for helping to make this ministry flourish!

Chrysalis - Marriage Enrichment



Calling all married couples to Chrysalis Marriage Enrichment! With a focus on faith and fellowship, monthly meetings are thoughtfully designed to help couples strengthen their relationships and families through Christ. To sign up or for more information, please email Ryan & Kelley Evenson at stmmchrysalis@gmail.com. **Next date is Sun, Nov 18.** Onsite childcare is available at our regular Sunday meetings for children under 10 years. RSVPs are kindly requested. Looking for an opportunity to help serve our parish families? **C-level certified adults and responsible, energetic youth volunteers** (ages 11 years +) are needed on the **Chrysalis Childcare Team**. Volunteers lead organized activities and care for the children during regular monthly meetings. To volunteer, please contact stmmchrysalis@gmail.com. Thank you!

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 Nov 2nd and Dec 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. 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.

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, Nov. 5th 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.

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, November 19th, 9:30 - 11am, in Church meeting room #1. Our speaker will be an officer from Apex Community Policing. For more information, please contact Miriam Moore, miriamdel79@yahoo.com, 919-387-8676 or Fran Hughes, gmomfran@gmail.com.

'Knight's Corner'



Calling all Catholic Men to the Knights of Columbus

"A Catholic Fraternal Service Organization"

Our Knights at StMM Council 7186 have been very busy with Hurricane Florence relief, CPOFood Drive, etc. ***Are You Being Called? Please join us to help those in need.***

Did You Know Your StMM KofC Council 7186:

- Donated (36) winter coats for children to CPO last week as a result of our work and your support.
- Provided truck and Knights for CPO Food drive that collected nearly 3,000 lbs. of food and \$1,800.
- Distributed over \$30,000 in Hurricane Florence food and supplies and \$20,000 in gift cards donated by Knights of Columbus headquarters. Our local StMM council 'man power' distributed those supplies and money to Lumberton, Fayetteville, Wallace, New Bern, Wilmington and Jacksonville.

For more information to becoming a Knight:

Visit our website: <http://kofc7186.org>

Contact: Grand Knight (Tom Blum) at gkkofc7186@gmail.com or our Membership Committee at MembershipKofC7186@gmail.com

Event Highlight: 2nd Sunday Breakfast will be held Nov 11th (after 9am & 10:45am Mass). Knights of Columbus invites you to enjoy a great breakfast with your fellow parishioners.

Calendar

- **Saturday Nov 3:** 40 Days for Life at Abortion Clinic at Drake Circle, Raleigh (9am-10am)
- **Saturday Nov 3:** Move donated Books & Book Cases to StMM
- **Saturday Nov 11:** 2nd Sunday Breakfast (after 9am & 10:45am Mass)

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