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First Communion, Confirmation & Construction April 21, 2016

A Note From Father Donald Staib

Members of the Parish,

The next two weekends we rejoice with 137 of our parish children who will receive **First Communion**. We welcome their families who have come to celebrate with them. And we thank our parish staff and teacher volunteers who have been with them in their classrooms.

This Saturday at 5 pm Mass there are 37 children and next Saturday at 5 pm Mass there are 26 children. Sunday Masses are less crowded. Saturday evenings seem more attractive because of celebrations after the Mass.

Next Friday we welcome Bishop Michael Burbidge for the **Sacrament of Confirmation**. Congratulations to the 112 young people of our parish who have prepared for this sacrament. And many thanks to our Youth Ministers and volunteers who have assisted in the preparation for this sacrament.

Pastor Job Perks

Each year I try to make time to go on a Field Trip with the 3rd grade of our school to the North Carolina zoo. Here is a picture of a group as we paused during the day. I may have needed the pause more than they did. Unfortunately the new polar bears would not come out of hiding for us to welcome them.

I went to the zoo more than 40 years ago when it first opened and have seen it grow over the years. I am always grateful to public officials for their support of this endeavor in our State.





Construction News

This past week there was lots of foundation work done to support the building. Here are some photos showing some of the work.



The foundation of the church reminds us of Jesus' words in Matthew's Gospel: *"Everyone who listens to these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on rock. The rain fell, the floods came, and the winds blew and buffeted the house. But it did not collapse; it had been set solidly on rock."*

We continue to look to those who have never given or pledged to the new church to help us pay for the cement and rocks. The new Chapel is not included in our current construction project; the Chapel is in the plans, but it is not in the budget. If you have not yet done so, please help us with a gift/pledge at this time of opportunity.

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Hope to see you there!

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