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A Note From Father Donald Staib

Something I forgot to highlight last week is that Thursday December 8, this week, is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, a holyday.

We have Mass at 8:15 am with the school children and at 7 pm in the evening.

Repeating information:

In Advent priests gather at various parishes in Wake County for Penance Services. Here is a schedule for nearby parishes:

Friday December 9, St Bernadette, Fuquay-Varina - 7 pm

Tuesday December 13, St Michael, Cary - 11 am

Wednesday December 14, St Michael, Cary - 7 pm

Thursday December 15, Lourdes, Raleigh - 7 pm

Monday December 19, St Raphael, Raleigh - 7 pm

Wednesday December 21, St Bernadette, Fuquay-Varina - 11 am

On the table in the lobby are envelopes that may be used to make a Christmas offering for flowers. We will acknowledge these gifts as we do every year in the Christmas bulletin.

About Christmas

Our schedule is: Saturday December 24 - Masses at 3pm, 5pm, 9pm
Sunday December 25 - Mass at 10am

Your schedule: For this year try to come on Sunday December 25. Or the 9pm on December 24. The 3 pm and 5 pm are very crowded and everyone should know about our construction parking challenges.

About Our Construction Progress

A Christmas gift wish for our parish - We are now at 57% completion of construction and there is one more item we are hopeful to include: wood panel instead of sheet-rock for walls in the church, some in the lobby, and some in the chapel.

The total cost of wood panel is about \$210,000. In the normal Catholic experience of who gives and who does not give -- \$180 from each family would make this wise decision possible.

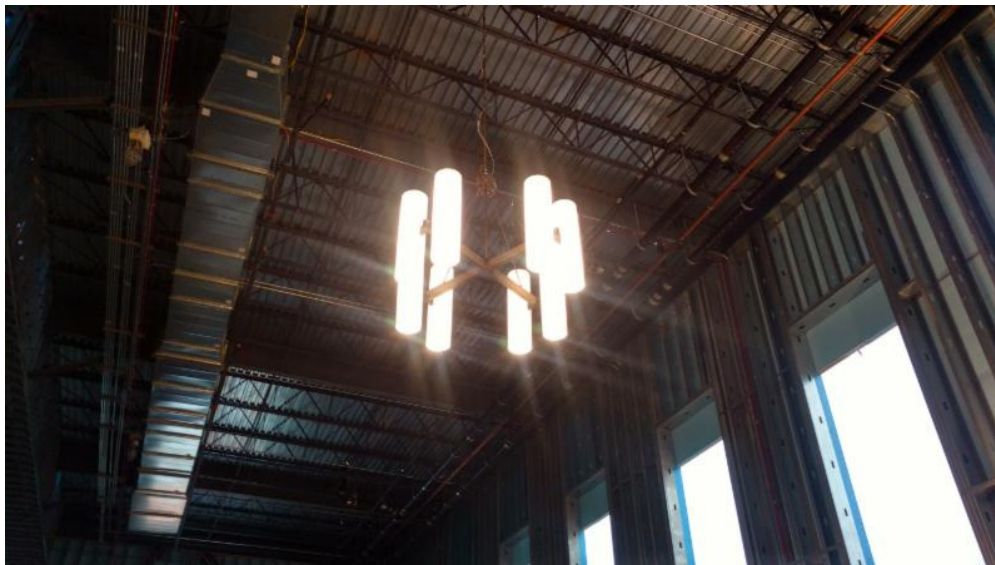
Once the walls are in place they cannot be upgraded, so there is hopefulness that we can add the wood now, in the beginning.

If this Christmas season you can give \$180 to StMM we can include these wood panels. Use your own envelope and mark it so we can give you credit.

Thank you to those who already gave last weekend: we received \$2,120 from 10 members of the parish.

This week the lighting providers came to show us the lights for the church. Here are pictures of the light on the wall over one of the Stations of the Cross and a ceiling light.





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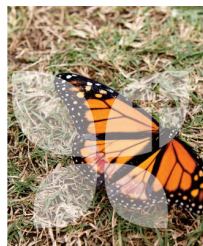
Reflection

Most 1st century Israelites presumed when the special anointed individual Messiah finally arrived their only problem would be finding a good seat from which to watch the show. He'd take care of everything. That appears to be one of the reasons Matthew adds Jesus' remark that the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than even the prophet John.

In this context the "kingdom of heaven" is Jesus' way of referring to God acting effectively in this world. In other words, those who notice God working in the here and now of their everyday lives are the most important people on the face of the earth. They actually help the blind see and the lame run. They do what's necessary to change our planet's status quo.

Father Roger Vermalen Karban, priest of the Diocese of Belleville, Illinois

Our Columbarium



The Columbarium committee has set up four after Mass Columbarium information sessions. Meeting dates are January 14-15 & January 28-29, 2017.

The sessions will focus on the Catholic Church position on cremation, specifications of the Columbarium area, guidelines, pricing and the reservation process. In the convenience of your home you will be able to complete the reservation process which is part of the new

St. Mary Magdalene website. No waiting in line, no need to schedule appointments. You will be able to select your preference of which wall and which particular niche you are interested in reserving.

The committee is prepared to spend as little or as much time with each parishioner based on his or her preference. Reservations are "first come first reserved." These pre-construction reservations are based on your total satisfaction of the completed Columbarium. The target date for dedication of the Columbarium is in conjunction with the dedication of our new Church in July 2017. columbarium@stmm.net has been established to create an easy communication link between you and the columbarium committee.

Helping Hands Angel Tree



The Angel Tree is in the lobby filled with ornaments for needy children from Catholic Parish Outreach and Western Wake Crisis Ministry. Attach the ornament to the gift/food/contribution to help us track all donations. Feel free to wrap or bag gifts for the children (star tags). No other gifts should be wrapped. All contributions should be placed under the tree no later than 12 noon on Dec. 18th.

StMM School Mass Music Director Needed



StMM School is looking for a School Mass Music Director who would be responsible for planning and playing the piano at Thursday School-wide Masses & School Holy Day Masses starting **ASAP**. If interested please contact Bob Cadran at bcadran@stmm.net

Job Description

StMM School Announcements



StMM School offers an excellent education for children in Pre-K 3 through 8th grade. We follow the curriculum of the Diocese of Raleigh, which is based on national standards. At

StMM we use an accelerated instructional program and teach at the 75th percentile. We offer an academically gifted program for children in grades 2-5, two years of high school math, and honors-level language arts and science in middle school. We are one of the feeder schools for Cardinal Gibbons High School, and we send more students to Gibbons than any other Catholic middle school. We invite you to visit the school, meet the administrators and talk to our teachers. We have an open house on Dec 8th after the 8:15am Mass of the Immaculate Conception. We will begin with an information session and will follow with tours of the school. Other dates are Jan 5th & Feb 16th (both 8:30-10am). On Sun, Jan 8th we will have a Pre-School Open House before and after all morning Masses. Other dates and a link to RSVP at www.school.stmm.net/admissions. Email Claudia Klavon at Klavon@stmm.net with any questions.

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