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St. Mary Magdalene E-News February 3, 2017

A Note From Father Donald Staib

I am very grateful to Msgr. John Wall who will offer the weekend Masses for us while I am recuperating. [Re my illness: see below].

For those who wish to attend daily Mass or Communion Services, please check the first page of the website. (www.stmm.church)

Lent begins on March 1. We do not celebrate Baptisms during Lent, but I always like to have baby baptisms at the Easter Sunday Masses. And also this year I hope to have a baby baptism Sunday on July 16, the day after the Church dedication.

Bishop's Annual Appeal



This weekend is the 2nd week of our 2017 Bishop's Annual Appeal. Even without a Bishop, our Diocese continues to serve many needs. Msgr. Wall has held various offices in the Diocese and he can give you a deeper understanding of services provided.

Our parish goal is \$187,820 this year. We have always met our StMM Parish goal, even in difficult years. Pledge cards and pens will be distributed after the Gospel. You can fill in the pertinent information and put the cards in any collection. A pledge of \$176 - paid over a period of months - will help us meet the goal again this year

Last week we received \$39,287 in pledges from 112 members of the parish. Thank you very much. We will continue to present this need to the parish. Every pastor's dream is that there is 100% parish participation in the BAA.

[BAA Pledge Card](#) [Donate Online to BAA](#)

Construction Update

While the Bishop's Annual Appeal is on-going there will not be a lot of financial news about the new church.

But we are in need of cash as we move toward the end of the project. We are really squeezing our budget, especially to provide all the furnishings we wish to have for our opening. Pledges from parish members have been generous. For all who have given - many thanks.

A hopeful number: there are 22 more we ekends to 'stack the chairs 2 high' until we worship in our new church.

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2016 Contribution Tax Statements



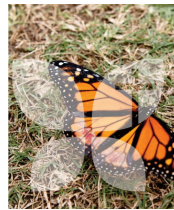
2016 Contribution Tax Statements were emailed to all registered parishioners who have a valid email address on file. If you did not receive a statement and would like one, contact lynch@stmm.net, 919-657-4800 ext. 7281 and one will be sent to you. Be sure to check your junk mail if you are receiving the E-News.

Souper Bowl of Caring



The Nationwide SOUPER BOWL OF CARING "tackle hunger" event will take place this weekend, Super Bowl Weekend at all Masses. More than \$90 million has been raised for local charities across the country through Souper Bowl of Caring. The time around Super Bowl weekend has been transformed into the nation's largest celebration of giving and serving. **Please be part of this movement that is sharing God's love with those in need.** We are collecting **CANS OF SOUP** and **DOLLAR DONATIONS** before and after all Masses on this Super Bowl weekend. Proceeds will benefit Catholic Parish Outreach (CPO) and Western Wake Crisis Ministry (WWCM).

Our Columbarium



Pre-construction reservations of Our Columbarium continue to grow week to week. We currently are approaching \$145,000 of reservation revenue that will be immediately used in support of the construction that may begin soon. If you have thoughts of making a reservation in 2017, we would like to request that you do that as early in the year as possible to support construction costs. Our Columbarium is targeted to be part of the Church dedication in July 2017.

After Mass information sessions are scheduled for Feb. 26/27, March 25/26 and April 22/23. Reminder that all reservations are being taken online. If you are interested in proceeding with a reservation please go to: www.StMM.church/welcome/columbarium.cfm. You will find the registration process along with links that may answer some of the questions you have. columbarium@stmm.net is available to contact the Columbarium committee with any questions you have before or after the reservation process. The church office is also at your disposal. There are Columbarium brochures in the lobby giving you pricing info. Terms are 100% payment within 15 days of contact signing.

The committee is dedicated to be available as little or as much as you need. Please do not hesitate to schedule an appointment at the church office if a one-on-one meeting with a member of the columbarium committee is your preference.

Commemorative Bricks



Commemorative Bricks line our walkway to the Activity Building and are a wonderful way to honor a loved one, living or deceased. Cost \$100. the next batch will be in the ground before First Communion. **Deadline to order is March 24th.** Order forms are in the lobby or [Brick Order Form](#). Complete and return order form along with check to the church office or drop in the collection basket. Questions? Email acadran@stmm.net.

KofC Fish Fry



Save the Date for the 2017 KofC Fish Fries on March 3rd, 17th & 31st. Watch the bulletin and E-News for more information.

Ignited by Truth Conference



14th Ignited By Truth Catholic Conference February 24-25, 2017 at the Raleigh Convention Center, "Bringing to light the truth of the teachings of the Catholic Church and igniting in all hearts a love for the Faith" Speakers: Fr. Michael Gaitley, Leah Darrow, Abby Johnson, and more! Friday 7-9:30pm and Saturday 8:30am-6:30pm with programs for Adults, Young Adults, High School, and Middle School Students. Early Registration Discounts: Adults \$35, Students (age 10+) \$25, includes Friday, Saturday, and Lunch! Friday only: Adults \$15, Students (age 10+) free. Questions StMM contact Laurie Wendt, 919-303-5433, lauriewendt@gmail.com. Complete details and registration: www.IgnitedByTruth.org. Who will you invite?

StMM School Announcements



St. Mary Magdalene School offers an excellent education for children in Pre-K3 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. We invite you to visit the school, meet the administrators and talk to our teachers. We have an Open House Feb 16th 9:30-11am. A link to RSVP at www.school.stmm.net/admissions. Email Claudia Klavon at Klavon@stmm.net with any questions.

FROM FATHER STAIB - RE: MY ILLNESS

On Thursday I had 3 kidney stones removed; today, Friday, I feel fairly good, but I am somewhat sore. I hope these stones were the cause of my recent troubles and it is uphill from now on.

Many thanks to all, especially our staff, who are using their time and talents on behalf of the parish. We are all grateful.

Reflection - February 5, 2017

Today the prophet Isaiah speaks to people steeped in anguish - those 'in the darkness,' stuck in 'the gloom.' His advice? 'Share your bread with the hungry.'

The Gospel tells us we are the 'salt of the earth' and 'the light of the world.'

St. Paul's stunning resolve is 'to know nothing except Jesus Christ crucified.'

Actively sharing in the misery of others is the sure way out of our own.

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