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Magdalene
CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Construction & Other News

July 7, 2016

A Note From Father Donald Staib

Members of the Parish,

Thank you to all who gave generously last week to the Mission Appeal by Father Francisco of the Rogationist Fathers. We received \$4,260. Until this visit I had not been aware of this religious community. They have only one parish in the USA in California. The majority of their ministry is in other countries. They have a large presence in the Philippines and I noted in some news that they have one priest in Vietnam.

Thank you also to all who continue to give generously to our weekly offertory, especially during the summer months. Parish life is quite quiet in the summer, and that is good for refreshment of the body and soul.

In recent weeks we have received new pledges for the church building, now rising from the ground. We are most hopeful we can include the chapel in our construction plans. A final decision will be made soon; there is always some pushing and pulling in regard to a budget as large as the one we have for the new church.

Thank you to all who have made recent pledges and gifts. They are a big help in our desire to add the Chapel. We ask especially those who have not yet participated in our new church project. Many have pledged already \$5,000 payable over 4 years. Many thanks.

Below is a picture of the front entrance of the church which goes into the lobby. I eagerly anticipate the installation of the beams which will go in the octagon dome.

Soon on a weekend we will have one of the steel beams from the octagon dome near the entrance of our Activity Building for everyone to write a message or write names on it.

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Construction Update Photo



Memory Wall/Butterfly Board

Our Butterfly Board/Memory Wall - New Church Campaign Update - The Butterfly Board displayed in the lower lobby area depicts contributions to the building of our new church as of June 1, 2016. The colorful butterflies reflect contributions made through pledges ranging from \$5,000. to \$1,000,000. The *iridescent* butterflies represent the 7 purchased stained glass windows. The white cross on the wing represents a pledge paid in full. The board will be updated regularly. Names will be added to each butterfly over the course of the months ahead. Please note that this is just a stepping stone not a replica to the actual stone sculpture

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CPO Baby Drive



Did you know that Catholic Parish Outreach food pantry gave a week's worth of groceries to an average of 9,600 people/month in 2015? **We also distribute baby items (including formula, baby food, diapers and clothes Newborn up to 6T).** July 9th & 10th volunteers will be handing out grocery bags with an attached shopping list. Please help CPO serve the less fortunate in our community by taking a bag and returning it on July 16th & 17th. Monetary donations are also accepted. Please make checks payable to 'CPO'. Questions or if you would like to help with this project, contact Kelly Rappl at krappl@nc.rr.com or Kathy Barnack at kbarnack@nc.rr.com.

StMM Parish App



We have launched our new StMM Parish App! The App is a great way to stay connected to StMM and check Mass times, the bulletin, the calendar, prayers, readings and much more. Go to the App Store for both Apple and Android phones and download 'My Parish App' and search for 'StMM.' Questions or if you have trouble, contact the parish office at 919-657-4800 ext. 7281 or lynch@stmm.net.

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