

St. Mary
Magdalene
CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Easter & Construction Update March 24, 2016

A Note From Father Donald Staib

Members of the Parish,

Happy Easter to all! Today, Thursday, we begin the solemn ceremonies of our parish Holy Week. At Mass today I will wash the feet of 12 members of the parish in recognition of Jesus' service to His Apostles.

On Good Friday - there are Stations of the Cross at 12 noon and the Good Friday remembrance of Jesus' death on the Cross is at 3 pm.

On Holy Saturday there is no 5 pm Mass. The Mass begins at dark outside - 8 pm - with the blessing of the fire. Then we with lighted candles come into our worship space. At this Mass those who have been preparing through RCIA for the past year will be received into the church either by Baptism or Confirmation. We welcome these new members into our parish.

In the name of the parish I want to express gratitude to our parish staff and volunteers who assist us in worship for the unique ceremonies of Holy Week and Easter. Much personal time is spent in preparation for these ceremonies.

Our staff and volunteers are also here every weekend to help us. Celebrating weekend Masses and special occasions such as Easter does not happen automatically. We have very good people who give generously to help all of us in the congregation. We all are grateful.

Also, thanks to all who were so generous for our Bishop's Annual Appeal this past week. So far we have received \$218,794 [117% of our parish goal] from 794 [53%] of parish members.

Please note that there is not a morning daily Mass on Easter Monday, March 28.

StMM Spring Festival



I now understand better why the costs of building our church are as high as they are: the site preparation is enormous. As you can observe, moving the earth from place to place is still going on. I look forward to the day concrete footings for the buildings are poured. Perspective will change.

I saw Father David Fitzgerald this past week and kidded him about why St Andrew Parish did not buy flat land for us. The look in his eye was that we should be grateful for the land they gave us. We are.

Here is a message for those who have not yet made a pledge or gift to the new construction; 47% of the parish members have not yet given.

We do need additional funds. In order to begin construction we had to defer and eliminate some aspects of the total project; the largest part to be deferred is the Chapel. We can add these deferred items back during construction when we have additional funds. We ask for your generous support.

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StMM Spring Festival



Fun for the whole family will take place on **Friday, April 15th, from 3:00pm-7:00pm** (rain or shine) on the athletic fields and parking lot. There will be more than 10 inflatables for all ages, a rock wall, jousting, sports games, plus lots more! All rides and games are included with admission. Food will be available for purchase.

Wristbands can be purchased for \$10 per child after all Masses the weekend of April 9th and 10th, or for \$12 at the door. Wristband purchase includes unlimited rides and games! Adults and children ages 2 and under are free. We need volunteers! Sign up at <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0b4aaaa82a1-2016>.

Contact Anne Burge at anneburge143@gmail.com with any questions. Hope to see you there for lots of fun and fellowship!

2015 Tax Statements

Tax statements are now available online. Click on the link below which will take you to the instructions on how to obtain your statement. If you do not have access to the internet or have any problems, please contact Kathy Lynch at 919-657-4800 ext. 7281 or lynch@stmm.net

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