

St. Mary
Magdalene
CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Memorial Day & Chapel May 26, 2016

A Note From Father Donald Staib

Members of the Parish,

On this Memorial Day weekend we offer thanks to all those who served our country, especially during times of war. We are grateful and we pray for those who serve now in dangerous and faraway places. May God protect them and may the efforts of our political leaders bring peace to our world.

Chapel

Here is a picture of our proposed Chapel looking toward the altar [not pictured]. The line of windows are pieces of the large stained glass we will have in the church. Also there is a window of St Mary Magdalene on another wall.

The other picture is a rendition of the inside of the church.

We continue to ask members of our parish who have not yet made a pledge or gift to the new church to do so now. We have particular need to complete the Chapel and some other items we have had to defer. Your gift will be a big help in this time of our need and your opportunity. A pledge of \$5,000 payable over 4 years will be a huge help to our parish.

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Bishop's Annual Appeal

A word about the Bishop's Annual Appeal. We achieved our parish goal in February - many thanks to those who gave. The Diocese has not yet reached the total goal, but probably will this week or next week. I am grateful to members of StMM who made it possible for us to conclude this work so early.

Memory Wall

About our new church - in the next month or so we are going to begin a Memory Wall on the bulletin board in the lobby. This is a delicate task, and it will take some weeks to complete. All those who have given so far at the \$5,000 level and higher will be acknowledged. We hope this acknowledgment is encouraging to others to begin contributing to our building task. The real Memory Wall in the church will not be exactly like the one in the lobby.

Census

Spring cleaning - our parish is obliged to report accurate census data in July of each year. We search our memories and files in our large [1600 households] parish to try to see who is here - or rather who is not here.

For those we cannot find - usually a check of contribution records helps us - we will soon send a letter. If we do not receive a response, we move people to an inactive file. When we do the annual census, we often cannot find information for about 150 households.

Weddings

I have had requests/inquiries now for 4 weddings in the new church. But the church has to be completed first. I have told couples that the earliest we can make arrangements is after July 1, 2017; that is a date I feel safe about, and will not require moving the wedding to the gym at the last minute. Would not that be an excitement!!

Until now we have depended on the generosity of other nearby parishes for weddings. I am grateful for their helpfulness, especially St Andrew, St Michael, and Sacred Heart Cathedral. Now we will have to develop this ministry for ourselves.

Father Donald Staib

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Project Light



Project LIGHT Films

Be Part of the Movement and Donate Today!

THE NEED

To produce Catholic media and resources that will resonate with everyone: young women, young men, parents, youth ministers, etc. It is incredibly powerful for teens to have a voice, share their struggles together, realize they are not alone, and to show how many other teens are struggling with the same issues, such as body image, the pressure to be perfect/ successful, dating, relationships, battles with lust & pornography & more.

THE VISION

We hope to provide resources that will be a launch pad for authentic conversations in homes, youth groups/small groups, & schools. Our vision is for these conversations to provide an alternative message to the one they are hearing through their culture and will help each teen believe in & remain firmly rooted in their identity as a beloved son/daughter of God.

THE GOAL

In addition to your heartfelt prayers, we are in need of \$50,000 to see this series come to fruition. Our goal is to have the first documentary, *Pieces of My Heart*, out to you by the end of this year, with the *Fire Within* and the parent/family resource releasing sometime in 2017.

**Looking forward to linking arms, uniting voices and growing the Kingdom.
God Bless to you and your families.**

KofC Mattress Sale

**The Knights of Columbus are hosting our
2nd Annual Mattress Fundraising Sale!**

**Sat, June 4th from 2pm-7pm
Sun, June 5th from 10am-3pm
In the StMM Dining Hall**

- The Dining Hall will be transformed into a mattress showroom with prices starting at \$259!
- Our **goal is \$7,500** this year! We raised \$5,000 last year so let's beat that!
- We are trying to raise money for the **Forgotten Children Statue Fund**
- All Brand new beds with Great Non-Prorated factory Warranties and names like **Simmons, Beautyrest and Restonic.**
- 25 models from which to choose - all sizes available. **Motorized Frames** too!
- No pressure sales - just a cost savings to our community from **30-50% below retail.**

1 out of 10 families are in the market for a mattress. Talk to your family, friends, and co-workers!

We need every church member to find at least ONE person that needs a mattress and give them a coupon for \$50 off any set over \$499

(coupons are located in the Lobby.)

***Facebook.com/CFSRaleigh/Events
cstovall@customfundraisingsolutions.com***

KofC Blood Drive

**Blood Drive
Saturday, June 11th
8:30am-12pm**



Donors will be entered into a raffle to win a Panera Bread gift card.

Donated by: Corrosion Protection Resolution, LLC.(CPR) Owners Maria and Bob Wolf,
Parishioners of StMM

In honor of our active military and veterans!



**Please contact Bob Wolf at bobwolf5679@yahoo.com
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