

St. Mary
Magdalene
CATHOLIC CHURCH

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St. Mary Magdalene E-News
November 10, 2016

A Note From Father Donald Staib

Members of the Parish,

Last week we had a 2nd collection which is taken every three years on a weekend near Veterans Day. It is for the Military Ordinariate - those priests who serve as chaplains in our Military. Thank you for your support of this good cause. We received \$5,956

Our parish is very grateful for our Knights of Columbus and their efforts to raise funds at a Christmas Jam for a piano for our new church. When I was a child my family had a piano at home; my recollection is my parents purchased it from another family.

Lately I have received a shocking education on the cost of pianos. I heard one donor donated the top of the line piano to our new Cathedral. \$175,000! Bless the Knights for their efforts on our behalf for a piano in our new church building. We will be looking for something less than the top line.

A STATEMENT FROM BISHOP MICHAEL F. BURBIDGE IN RESPONSE TO THE OUTCOME OF THE 2016 ELECTION

The democratic process in which we participated yesterday is one of our greatest blessings as a nation and the direct result of the precious gift of the freedom we have been given. We are now called to commend our new president and all other newly elected officials to God, that they may be guided by Our Lord as they prepare to take office and serve the common good of those entrusted to their care.

Regardless of who received our vote, now is the time to be reminded that the strength of our republic lies in our unity as fellow citizens and members of God's holy family. Such relationships are the bedrock of our society and it is our sacred duty to foster them so that nothing divides us. When we live in such harmony, there will be true dialogue and the

exchange of ideas will occur in a civil and respectful manner.

As Catholics, we are called to renew our commitments to bring our faith into the public arena and help shape public policies, especially with regard to the sacredness of human life at every moment; the dignity of each and every human person; the protection of religious freedom; the sanctity of marriage and family life; and the care of the poor and most needy in our midst. In this way, with God's grace, we help to ensure that the next generation inherits a nation more civil, more ethical, and more devoted to achieving peace which is true and lasting.

Through the intercession of Mary, Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception, Patroness of the United States of America, may Our Lord Jesus continue to bless our country and guide us along the paths of authentic truth, liberty and justice, now and always.

Pictures & Notes about Our Church

We lost some more parking this past week as the construction of the church continues. Here is a picture of the last bay at this moment.



When the church is completed the right side of this picture [toward the west] will be designated as handicapped parking. The left side will be smoothed into the piazza in the front of the church.

When all is completed there will be many more parking spaces, but in the meantime there will be difficulties.

Thank you to all who have made donations or increased pledges in recent weeks to help with the expenses as we have just passed the $\frac{1}{2}$ way milestone. New funds are helpful as we add enhancements: wood panels for church and chapel and help make up for pledges people have been unable to fulfill.

DONATE NOW To OUR NEW CHURCH

(Click on the above link to Donate)

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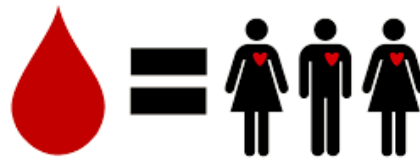
Helping Hands Thanksgiving Meal Collection



Helping Hands Thanksgiving Meal Collection - Our parish will be collecting food to donate to Western Wake Crisis Ministry (WWCM) for Thanksgiving meals for needy families. Please stop by the donation table in the lobby during the weekends of Nov. 5/6 & Nov. 12/13 to pick up a donation tag. All donations must be brought back to StMM before or after Mass on the weekend of Nov. 19/20; but NO LATER than 12noon on Nov. 20th.

St. Mary Magdalene Blood Drive

one pint of blood



can save up to **three lives**

St. Mary Magdalene's Blood Drive will be Saturday, Nov. 19th from 8:30am - 12pm. Sign up at www.mysignup.com/stmm. The blood drive will be in honor of our active military and veterans! Please contact Bob Wolf at bobwolf5679@yahoo.com or 352-397-9793 with questions. One pint of blood can save up to three lives!

WE MUST HAVE AT LEAST 25 PEOPLE SIGN UP FOR THE DRIVE OR REX BLOOD SERVICES WILL NO LONGER COME TO StMM. Please use the link above to schedule your donation TODAY! Thank you for your support!

St. Mary Magdalene Christmas Jam 2016



St. Mary Magdalene's Christmas Jam 2016 will take place on Saturday, December 10th from 6-9pm. The Jam will benefit the StMM Music Ministry. The StMM Music Ministry plays a critical role in making the gym feel like a church and they need our help to make the new church feel like a cathedral when it opens!

The KofC is sponsoring a fundraiser dinner and concert. Dinner will be served from 6-7:15pm in the dining hall with a Christmas concert to follow in the Gym. All proceeds will benefit the StMM Music Ministry. Through the sales of dinner and concert tickets and tax deductible donations, we hope to raise \$25,000 to put toward the purchase of a grand piano.

Please see the flyer below to find out how to purchase tickets or make a tax deductible donation.

[Christmas Jam 2016 Flyer](#)

Catholic Parish Outreach Christmas Honor Cards

Give Gifts that reflect the true meaning of Christmas!
Catholic Parish Outreach Christmas Honor Cards



Did you know that last year CPO gave food and children's clothing to 9,600 a month? Honor the special people on your holiday gift list by making a donation to CPO. We will send a beautiful Christmas honor card designed by local artist Sofia Pietrus (from Our Lady of Lourdes School) to everyone on your gift list. Information on how to order the cards can be found at www.cporaleigh.org or call CPO at 919-873-0245 x230. Forms are also available on the table in the lobby or use the link below to print off an order form.

[Honor Card Order Form](#)

Philippine Missionary Religious Article Sales



Sr. Irene from the Mary Queen of Heaven Missionaries of Cebu, Philippines will be here the weekend of Nov. 19-20 to ask your help and support in their mission of rescuing women and children from prostitution and human trafficking in the Philippines. They shelter and rehabilitate these women and children whom they have rescued through their center called "Home of Love". Programs and services are given free of charge including shelter, food, counseling, spiritual formation, education, skills training, child care and re-integration programs. They are appealing to us and desperately need our help to support their program in fighting prostitution through education by sponsoring poor children who can't afford to go to school. The cost to send a child to school is \$25 a month or \$300 for one year. Their community has successfully helped rescue thousands of these children from the possibility of human trafficking and prostitution in the Philippines. Sr. Irene will be in the lobby with her religious items that were made in the Philippines. By purchasing these religious items you can help support their mission and can help stop Human Trafficking. For more information about their community, there will be brochures available and profiles of the children at the table after Mass - www.mqhm.org

Reflection - November 13, 2016

**Remarks from Cardinal-designate Joseph W. Tobin
on his appointment as the Archbishop of Newark, N.J.**

I believe that the Church in every age is challenged to reproduce the double miracle that accompanied her birth at Pentecost. The first miracle is dramatic: on the day of Pentecost, people from many lands heard the Good News proclaimed by the apostles, each in his or her own language. This miracle produced an abundant response of faith.

The second miracle is understated but nonetheless wonderfully real. There is no evidence that the response of faith erased the richness of culture. The Parthians, Medes, Elamites and all those other tongue-twisting nationalities did not "melt" into some celestial "pot." The first Christians retained the richness of their cultures while discovering a principle of unity. This principle is nothing less than the Holy Spirit.

I grew up in a multi-cultural neighborhood of southwest Detroit. I was a little jealous of classmates that went home and spoke a different language, ate different food, thought differently. My service of the Church obliged me to live many years in cultures different from the Irish-American ambient of my family. So I am excited to lead an archdiocese where the Eucharist is celebrated each Sunday in twenty languages. The Holy Spirit will help

us prolong the double miracle of Pentecost.

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