

St. Mary  
Magdalene  
CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## A Note From Father Donald Staib

HAPPY THANKSGIVING TO ALL



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May you enjoy this day with family  
and friends.

There are some clarifications needed for items in last weekend's bulletin:

1. On Thanksgiving Day there will be Mass at 10 am. There is no Mass that day at 8:15am in the Chapel.
2. On the table in the lobby there is a small statue called 'Generations.' It is the Holy Family plus St Anna and Joachim, parents of Mary.

You can order this statue through our parish. Use one of your envelopes from home and place a check to StMM inside for \$40. Be sure to put your information on the envelope. The statues will be sent to the parish for you to pick up.

The statue will be on the lobby table again this coming weekend.

In December we have a rotation of Parish Council members. I want to thank these parishioners who have completed terms: Christine Qubeck, Denise Miles, Bette Foster, Kathy Lynch, and Jenny Anglum. They have served in challenging and eventful times, and our parish has benefitted from their service.

Our parish custom is for members to nominate themselves and we will pull names at the turn of the year - just like the Apostles did when they selected Matthias to replace Judas. Nomination blue forms are on the table in the lobby. Please give them to me after Mass in the next few weekends.

## Pictures Of The Week

Do not the new parking spaces look inviting?



And a close-up of the dome from outside



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Father Donald Staib

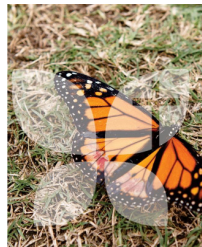
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## Reflection

### OPENING PARAGRAPH OF THE APOSTOLIC LETTER OF POPE FRANCIS AT THE CLOSE OF THE YEAR OF MERCY

*Misericordia et Misera* is a phrase used by Saint Augustine in recounting the story of Jesus' meeting with the woman taken in adultery (John 8:1-11). It would be difficult to imagine a more beautiful or apt way of expressing the mystery of God's love when it touches the sinner: "the two of them alone remained: mercy with misery". What great mercy and divine justice shine forth in this narrative! Its teaching serves not only to throw light on the conclusion of the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy, but also to point out the path that we are called to follow in the future. [For the entire document, search: *Misericordia et Misera*]

## Our Columbarium



The Columbarium committee has set up four after Mass columbarium information sessions. Meeting dates are December 3-4, January 14-15 & January 28-29, 2017.

The sessions will focus on the Catholic Church position on cremation, specifications of the Columbarium area, guidelines, pricing and the reservation process. In the convenience of your home you will be able to complete the reservation process which is part of the new St. Mary Magdalene website. No waiting in line, no need to schedule appointments. You will be able to select your preference of which wall and which particular niche you are interested in reserving.

The committee is prepared to spend as little or as much time with each parishioner based on his or her preference. Reservations are "first come first reserved." These pre-construction reservations are based on your total satisfaction of the completed Columbarium. The target date for dedication of the Columbarium is in conjunction with the dedication of our new Church in July 2017. [columbarium@stmm.net](mailto:columbarium@stmm.net) has been established to create an easy communication link between you and the columbarium committee.

## Helping Hands Angel Tree



**The Angel Tree** is in the lobby filled with ornaments for needy children from Catholic Parish Outreach and Western Wake Crisis Ministry. Attach the ornament to the gift/food/contribution to help us track all donations. Feel free to wrap or bag gifts for the children (star tags). No other gifts should be wrapped. All contributions should be placed under the tree no later than 12 noon on Dec. 18th.

## 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

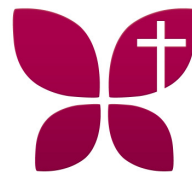
*Give Gifts that reflect the true meaning of Christmas!*  
*Catholic Parish Outreach Christmas Honor Cards*



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](http://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](#)

## StMM School Announcements



**StMM School** offers an excellent education for children in Pre-K 3 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 75<sup>th</sup> 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, and we send more students to Gibbons than any other Catholic middle school. We invite you to visit the school, meet the administrators and talk to our teachers. We have an open house on Dec 8th after the 8:15am Mass of the Immaculate Conception. We will begin with an information session and will follow with tours of the school. Other dates are Jan 5th & Feb 16th (both 8:30-10am). On Sun, Jan 8th we will have a Pre-School Open House before and after all morning Masses. Other dates and a link to RSVP at [www.school.stmm.net/admissions](http://www.school.stmm.net/admissions). Email Claudia Klavon at [Klavon@stmm.net](mailto:Klavon@stmm.net) with any questions.

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