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Magdalene
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St. Mary Magdalene E-News
November 4, 2016

A Note From Father Donald Staib

Members of the Parish,

This weekend we take a 2nd collection which is done 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.

In our bulletin Financial Report this week on the 'Our Church Our Time' payments we have moved very close to having received \$4 million dollars. Recent very generous gifts have made possible the construction we observe each week. And recently we have received extra gifts for some of the enhancements we would like to include.

Last week we began discussion of floors, walls, ceilings. It is our hope to include some wood paneling instead of all painted dry wood on the walls of the church. There are many who have not yet given who could make this happen.

A hopeful number: there are 35 more weekends to 'stack chairs two high' after 10:45 Mass until we worship in our new church. We will not be stacking the pews.

POPE FRANCIS TALK TO CHURCH OF ITALY NOVEMBER 14, 2015

At the center of the church must be Jesus, always Jesus, but not only the Jesus of rules, regulations and judgments, but even more so the Jesus of accompaniment, discernment, and discussion. It can be said that today we do not live in an age of change but in a change of age.

Therefore the situations we are living in today pose new challenges which for us at times are difficult to understand. Our times require that we live problems as challenges and not as obstacles: the Lord is active and at work in the world.

Therefore you must go out to the streets and to the crossroads; call all those you find; exclude no one. Above all, accompany the one who remained at the side of the street: the lame, the maimed, the blind, the dumb. Wherever you are, never build walls or borders, but squares and field hospitals.

Pictures & Notes about Our Church

The steel for the chapel arrived on Monday. The workers rapidly began to put it in place. Before they did - this was the picture:



Note the rust colored stairs in the bell tower. These stairs will allow someone to walk up the stairs, go out a door to the roof and then through a door into the dome in order to change lights. That someone will not be the pastor; he had to do that job once in the large chapel of his seminary.

By Thursday afternoon most of the steel for the chapel was in place, as you can see from this picture -



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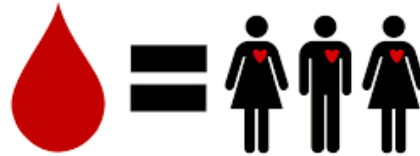
Helping Hands Thanksgiving Meal Collection



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!

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

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