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St. Mary Magdalene E-News

October 6, 2016

A Note From Father Donald Staib

Members of the Parish,

This past Tuesday at 6 am my phone rang with Monsignor Gerald Lewis calling to tell me our Bishop Michael Burbidge has been transferred to the Diocese of Arlington, Virginia. That was stunning news to me, totally unexpected. We all relate events to our personal concerns and my wonderment was the date of our church dedication.

I believe there are no concerns about our date, July 15. There is the question about who will be the bishop/priest who leads us that day. The church Ritual [which I consulted as soon as I came to the chapel for Mass on Tuesday] provides for options. But there is need for more consultation on this matter after December when Bishop Burbidge actually leaves our Diocese. We are grateful for his service to our Diocese, and we ask God to bless him in his new endeavors in Arlington.

If you did not see the statement from Bishop Michael Burbidge on Tuesday:

Over the past 10 years, I have had the profound pleasure of serving the great people of the Diocese of Raleigh. From the moment I stepped foot in North Carolina, I was welcomed with warmth and love that I have never forgotten. I especially thank my brother priests for their consistent fraternal support, as well as for the help provided by the deacons, consecrated religious, and the lay faithful who have been so kind to me. It is with great certainty that while I will leave the Diocese of Raleigh later this year, the next Bishop will be welcomed with the same joy and love that I encountered. May Our Lord continue to bless the wonderful and holy people of the Diocese of Raleigh.

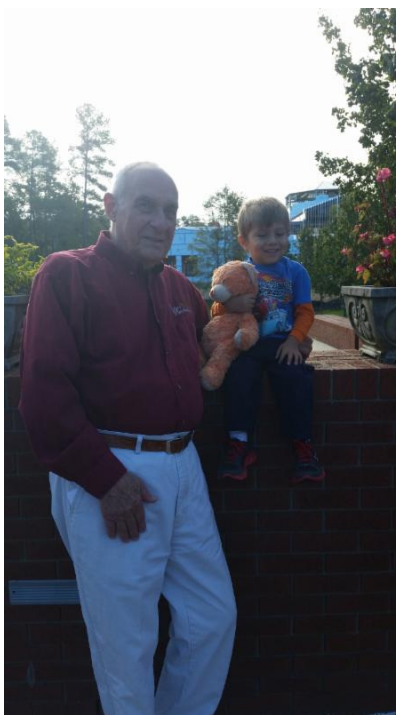
Parish Vocation Coordinator

Father Philip Tighe was recently appointed Vocation Director in our Diocese. He has written to pastors asking for a Parish Vocation Coordinator, a person he will contact regarding vocation matters and will coordinate with his office on various initiatives. Two

items he specifically identified are: first Friday adoration and prayer for vocations, and a Parish Chalice Program [google it]. If any members of the parish feel called to such a ministry I would be happy to hear from you.

Picture of the Week

Here is a picture of Andrew with a blue shirt and the pastor with the blue church in the background:



StMM students waiting for the sod to arrive!



Our new grass arrived on Thursday and volunteers and our staff are helping to put it on the new playing field. The field was provided by gifts to our school which could not be used for church construction and fees of families served by Parish Athletics. We also saved considerable costs by not having to remove from the site the dirt excavated for the parking lots. And most of all - there is lots of playing space for all our programs.

By the weekend we hope the grass will be off the truck and on the field.



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Commemorative Bricks



DEADLINE EXTENDED TO OCTOBER 10TH to order an engraved brick to be part of our Commemorative walkway into the Activity Building.
Cost is \$100 and order forms can be found here:

[Commemorative Brick Order Form](#)

KofC Blood Drive Survey Results



Dear St. Mary Magdalene Parishioners

I am writing to all the parishioners today to give everyone in the parish the results of the survey regarding the blood drive. The majority of the participants have indicated that they would prefer to have the blood drive on a Sunday as opposed to a Saturday. Unfortunately, in order to have the blood drive on a Sunday, Rex needs to have 30 people committed. The responses for Saturday and or Sunday only totaled 17 people.

Consequently, because of the low numbers Rex will commit to a blood drive on a Saturday only. We have lost November 5th because another school has committed 75 plus donors for that date. As a result, our blood drive date has been changed to November 19th, the week before Thanksgiving.

I am asking St. Mary Magdalene parishioners to please consider giving blood on that date, and if we do not meet the required number of 30 donors this may be the last blood drive for our parish due to Rex's expenses. In closing let me say, I recognize that there are corporate blood drives that many of our members may be part of today, but there are others who may be able to help.

Please help our parish to continue sponsoring this important cause that costs nothing but a little of your time. What we can do depends on you! Thank you and God Bless our Parish.

Chris Hanes
Grand Knight #7186

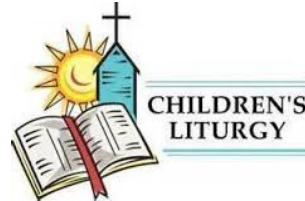
Bob Wolf
KofC Blood Drive Coordinator

9th Annual Monarchs in Motion 5K



SAVE THE DATE-9th Annual Monarchs in Motion 5K Run/Walk 10/15/16. The Monarchs in Motion Race has become a staple event for the town and Parish and has raised more than \$60,000 for the new church! The event has been moved to Fall this year. We are expecting to meet our 600 person cap so register early! If running is not your thing, consider volunteering, sponsorship or both! Race date is 10/15/16 @ 8am Sharp! Information can be found at <http://www.monarchsinmotion.com/> Follow us on Twitter @STMMmonarchs5k. Like us on Facebook at Monarchs in Motion 5k Race. Questions? Email mike5kgrace@gmail.com.

Children's Liturgy of the Word



Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW) has just begun for the 9 am & 10:45 am Sunday Masses. CLOW guides children ages 3 to 6 years old through the liturgy in a prayerful and kid-centered way. The children experience the same Gospel reading and message we are listening to downstairs in the worship space. Please keep in mind that this is **not** a nursery/child care drop off program; rather, it is a volunteer-led ministry that works on a rotating schedule. 2-3 adults are needed for each Mass time: 1 adult leads while the other adults help keep the children focused on the experience. The more volunteers we have, the smoother the ministry operates. Please contact Celeste Uisichon cusisichon@stmm.net to volunteer.

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