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### St. Mary Magdalene E-News September 15, 2016

#### A Note From Father Donald Staib

Members of the Parish,

This coming week all priests of our Diocese will gather for our annual Retreat from Monday through Friday. As always, we keep the intentions of our parishioners in our prayers. Next week we most likely will not send out an e-news.

I am grateful to the Parish Council and all those who contributed their talents and efforts to the Ministry Fair last weekend. Thanks to all our parish volunteers - you do wonderful work.

#### **A NOTE ABOUT THE PROPHET AMOS** [Amos will be our Old Testament guide for two weeks]

For a contemporary reader living in a postmodern cyber age, Amos' context and message may seem far removed. How are we to relate to a message given so long ago, in the context of an agrarian society? There are certain key points worthy of note: Amos is noteworthy for its understanding and analysis of his contemporary society and its issues. Amos does not resort to abstractions. His critique is grounded in the reality of suffering that affected the majority of the population. Amos is concerned with: does everyone have just and equitable access to the economic base? This is a fundamental question that can be posed irrespective of time, place, and society.

#### **Pictures of the Week**

Evening practice for Parish Athletics teams.



Two pictures of the new field being prepared to host games for school and parish. Sod will be added in the next few weeks.



The new field was made possible because of our purchase of additional land a few years ago on Apex BBQ Road. We have not used funds donated to the new church for the preparation of this field. Funds came from: StMM School Athletic Fund, from donations made with matching gifts which could not be used for religious worship, and from funds donated by Parish Athletics which uses the fields on Saturdays and evenings.

The construction of the field actually saved considerable cost to the new church because we never had to bring in or take out dirt from the property. But we sure did have to move the dirt around - been doing that since last January!

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## **'Feed-A-Family Food Drive**



### **Feed-A-Family Food Drive**

Did you know that CPO gave a week's worth of groceries to to an average of 9,600 people a month in 2015? Please return all food and monetary donations by 12noon on this Sunday, September 18th to the CPO truck in the upper parking lot. If you have questions, please contact Kelly Rappl at [krappl@nc.rr.com](mailto:krappl@nc.rr.com) or Kathy Barnack at [kbarnack@nc.rr.com](mailto:kbarnack@nc.rr.com).

## **Knights of Columbus Blood Drive**



**To: St. Mary Magdalene Parishioners**

**From: Bob Wolf - KofC Blood Drive Coordinator**

I am writing to all parishioners today to talk about our past blood drives and ask for your opinion about future blood drives. The Knights of Columbus have sponsored the "**Blood Drive**" for the last several years and they have been held on a Saturday. Our donors have averaged 25 to 30 pints but those numbers have decreased in the last year to 10 to 15 pints average. The cost of hosting a Blood Drive correlates into 30 pints according to UNC Rex. Consequently, to host a drive, we need your help in getting the participation

about 30 pints. As you may or may not know, for every pint of blood donated we save three lives. So, if we as a parish donate 30 pints, we will have saved 90 lives.

Donating takes about two hours out of your schedule. I am very aware of everyone's busy lives; however, in my four years as a member of this parish, I am astounded at the generosity in time and talent. That brings me to my question for all members of the parish: Would you prefer to donate on Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup> or Sunday, November 13<sup>th</sup>? Please email me your preference at [bobwolf5679@yahoo.com](mailto:bobwolf5679@yahoo.com) I would ask that everyone who donates or who would like to donate blood complete this request by September 30<sup>th</sup>. The results will be announced in the bulletin on October 9<sup>th</sup>.

**P.S. NEW DONORS ARE WELCOME!**

## Commemorative Bricks

Deadline is approaching (October 7<sup>th</sup>) 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](#)

## 9th Annual Monarchs in Motion 5K



**SAVE THE DATE-9<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:mike5kgrace@gmail.com).

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