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A Note From Father Donald Staib



**HAPPY MOTHERS DAY TO ALL
OUR MOTHERS WHO ARE
READERS OF OUR E-NEWS!**

On this feast of Jesus' Ascension we also celebrate Mother's Day this year. Our good wishes and prayers go to all mothers in our parish. May you and your children be blessed again and again. We keep in mind also all our mothers who have gone to God and we are grateful for the life they have given us.

Today we have one of the annual and national 2nd collections - this one is for the Communications efforts of our church. Communications have so changed in recent years. When this collection first began in 1979 - who would have imagined what we are doing now to communicate with one another?

CONFESSIONS: there will be Confessions at 10:30 am Saturday May 12 and May 19.

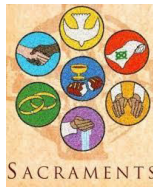
I have discovered that I am having trouble with emails to my AOL address. If you do not hear back from me in a day, try again. In June I will have more time to deal with my current troubles.

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Our 10:45am Mass is Live Streamed!

Click [HERE](#) to Live Stream our 10:45am Mass

Sacraments



BAPTISMS - See the Guidelines on the Website - then email the Pastor. First time parents must attend a baptism class [a good time is during the 9 months prior to birth.] Baptisms are usually, not always, at 10am on Saturdays or at weekend Masses.

CONFESSIONS - Always check the Pastor's Paragraph in the weekly Bulletin or our E-News mailed on Fridays. Confessions are usually, but not every week, at 10:30am in the Church.

WEDDINGS - See the Guidelines on the Website - then email the Pastor.

Reflection

On the mount of the ascension, Jesus calls us to be his "witnesses," to tell others about the good that God has worked in the Easter mystery. Jesus asks us to be witnesses of God's presence in our midst, to be agents of hope, to be prophets of compassion and peace. We who have heard the story of Jesus and beheld his presence in the reconciling love we have experienced in our own lives are now called to bring that love into the lives of others and into the lives we share as families, as the church, as humankind. We are called to continue Jesus's work to teach, to witness, and to heal in our own small corners of the world, to hand on the story that has been handed on to us about Jesus and his Gospel of love and compassion.

Financial Matters

OUR NEW CHURCH - We have the obligation to make large monthly payments for 15 years for the construction of the church. In addition we are challenged to respond to new parish endeavors in all our parish programs. We are grateful to those who help us in the weekly Offertory for regular expenses and in the monthly white envelope for debt payments for the church.

DONATE NOW To OUR NEW CHURCH

(Click on the above link to Donate)

Pictures of the Week

One more Jonah!



StMM school children at dismissal. Almost Summertime!



Mission Trip to Haiti

During the week of April 8th the STMM Youth Ministers, Janine McGann and Liz Sams participated in a mission trip to Jeremie, Haiti through Haiti Missions Inc (<http://www.haitimissioninc.com>)

Hurricane Matthew hit the region of Jeremie during October 2016 causing extensive damage to homes, churches and school as well as killing over 1000 people. The extent of the poverty in this area is beyond anything we had ever experienced before. Haiti Missions Inc. is committed to providing housing, education and hope to the people of Jeremie & one way they have done that is by opening 2 Catholic schools in the area. They are in danger of closing because the families cannot afford to pay the tuition which costs each student \$25 per year. Yes, that is correct! \$25 covers an entire year of education in Haiti! The \$25 per year covers all their costs and provides each student with one meal a day, many times it is the only meal that child will eat that day. We felt called to come back to our STMM school & church community and raise a rally cry to help get the 300 students of these 2 schools sponsored. Please watch this video and prayerfully consider sponsoring these children. All the research shows that education is the #1 weapon to battle poverty.

Let's not let these schools close on our watch!



Gardening Committee



Do you enjoy gardening? StMM is starting a gardening committee to maintain our Campus. Duties include spreading pine straw/mulch, planting flowers, and litter pickup. This is a great opportunity for families to volunteer together. If interested, please email info@stmm.net.

Helping Hands Committee



A reminder for everyone who offered to donate items to help **homeless men, women, and children in Wake County**. All donations should be dropped off this weekend in the Church lobby before or after all Masses on **Sat, May 12th, or Sun, May 13th**.

Also, ThankYou for your generosity in donating items to **St. Bernadette's Migrant Worker Ministry!** We collected 300 items for their pharmacy, 115 personal care items, 85 shirts, and 200 hats.

Welcome Dinner for New Members



A soup and salad **Welcome Meal** for new members of the parish will be held Sat June 2nd in the Dining Hall immediately after the 5pm Mass. We encourage representatives of StMM ministries to attend and to introduce themselves. We also need volunteers to help with meal preparation and setup. If you would like to attend the dinner or volunteer to help, please call Christine Agius at 919-303-5803

Habitat for Humanity



The **StMM Habitat for Humanity Program** is in search of volunteers to help Korisha Bonn and her 16 month old daughter Kynlea reach their dream of home ownership. Korisha works at Peak Cardiology and will live in Fuquay-Varina. We are in search of volunteers for May 26th. Please join others from StMM and the Southwest Wake Faith Coalition in making an impact. Volunteers must be 16 or older. If you are interested in helping Korisha and your community please contact Terry Loding at stmmhabitat@gmail.com or 919-376-6714.

Eucharistic Adoration



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament/Eucharistic Adoration-StMM has Adoration available every Friday in the Chapel after daily Mass. On the First Friday of each month Adoration begins after daily Mass and ends at 7pm. This requires that we have many people committed to praying in front of the Blessed Sacrament throughout the day. We always need more people for this ministry! Please consider committing 1 hour each month. On all of the other Fridays throughout the year we have 1 hour of Adoration after the 8:15am daily Mass. Take advantage of these opportunities to spend time with the Lord. If you would like to participate contact Anita Becker at 919-642-0441 or AlAnitaBecker@aol.com.

Singles/Singles Again



Singles/Singles Again Upcoming Events-June 7th 6:30pm -Vic's Italian Ristorante, 4035 Lake Boone Trail, Raleigh. RSVP to Mike Burger 919-349-2500. June 30th 7:30pm Theatre in the Park (Pullen Park) for the funny musical "*It Shoulda Been You*" For group rate of \$23.60 , contact Andrea at TITP 919-831-6058 and identify yourself as Single/Singles Again Group. Questions contact Mike at 919-349-2500.

Catholic Senior Organization



The **CSO (Catholic Senior Organization for men and women 60+)** meets every 3rd Monday of the month, Sept through May. Our next meeting is Mon, May 21, 9:30-11:30am, in Church meeting room #1. Additionally, the CSO knitting and crocheting group will be meeting on Mon, May 28, from 1--3pm, in meeting room #1. These will be our last meetings until September. For more information, contact Miriam Moore, miriamdel79@yahoo.com, 919-387-8676 or Fran Hughes, gmomfran@gmail.com.

Commemorative Engraved Bricks



The latest batch of **Commemorative Engraved Bricks** are in the ground at the entrance of the Activity Building. The deadline for our next batch is Sept 14th.

Brick order forms are in the Narthex or you click on the link below for the Brick Order Form. Thank you for your support.

[Brick Order Form](#)

'Knight's Corner'



Come enjoy breakfast with friends and family, expertly prepared by the Knights. Our next breakfast will be Sunday, June 10th following the 9am & 10:45am Masses in the Activity Building. Cost is \$8 for adults, \$5 for children 12 and under. Meal includes pancakes, scrambled eggs, choice of bacon, ham or sausage, along with coffee, milk and orange juice. All proceeds to benefit the new church.



Become a Knight! Faith, Family and Fraternity...These words make up the foundation upon which the Knights of Columbus stands. The efforts of our local Council 7186 support the St. Mary Magdalene community as well as communities around the world. Males who are 18 years of age or older and who are practicing Catholics are eligible to join. For information about this sponsored organization, please visit www.kofc7186.org or contact Michael Erpenbach at mike@erpenbach.com.

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