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St. Mary Magdalene E-News April 13, 2018

A Note From Father Donald Staib

Last week we received two new statues - of our patron St. Mary Magdalene and of St. Thomas the Apostle. The reason for St. Thomas is that he, like St. Mary Magdalene, was very much present at Jesus' Resurrection and the days that followed.

Like the angel statues, these were carved at Marble Mountain in Da Nang, Vietnam. The carvers used as models some holy cards I sent to them.

We keep in our prayers the children who will receive their First Communion the next two weekends. Blessings on their parents and teachers who have prepared them for this memorable Sacrament.

CONFESSIONS: There will be Confessions on Saturday April 14, but not on April 21 or 28.

I am pleased to announce that Deb Prewitt will be taking over as our Parish Secretary. She will work with Kathy Lynch for several weeks to acclimate herself to the position. Deb and her husband, Rob and two boys, have been members of St. Mary Magdalene since 2000. Deb has been a volunteer with both the church and school and she is very excited about serving the parish in this role.

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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

APOSTOLIC EXHORTATION - GAUDETE ET EXSULTATE
OF THE HOLY FATHER POPE FRANCIS
ON THE CALL TO HOLINESS IN TODAY'S WORLD
Issued April 9, 2018

Let us not forget that Jesus asked his disciples to pay attention to details.
The little detail that wine was running out at a party.
The little detail that one sheep was missing.
The little detail of noticing the widow who offered her two small coins.
The little detail of having spare oil for the lamps, should the bridegroom delay.
The little detail of asking the disciples how many loaves of bread they had.
The little detail of having a fire burning and a fish cooking as he waited for the disciples at daybreak.

A community that cherishes the little details of love, whose members care for one another and create an open and evangelizing environment, is a place where the risen Lord is present, sanctifying it in accordance with the Father's plan. There are times when, by a gift of the Lord's love, we are granted, amid these little details, consoling experiences of God.

Contrary to the growing consumerist individualism that tends to isolate us in a quest for well-being apart from others, our path to holiness can only make us identify all the more with Jesus' prayer "that all may be one; even as you, Father, are in me, and I in you" (John 17:21).

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)



As you consider your offertory giving, we remind you that we offer **Electronic Giving** as a way to automate your contributions. It is convenient for you and provides much-needed consistency for the parish. Collection basket contributions can fluctuate

significantly from week to week, especially in the summer, but when contributions are automated, the church receives funds on a steady basis. Electronic giving helps us forecast, with confidence, the level of financial support our parish receives in the year ahead. You can fill out the form below and drop it in the collection basket when you come for Mass. Any questions, contact info@stmm.net.

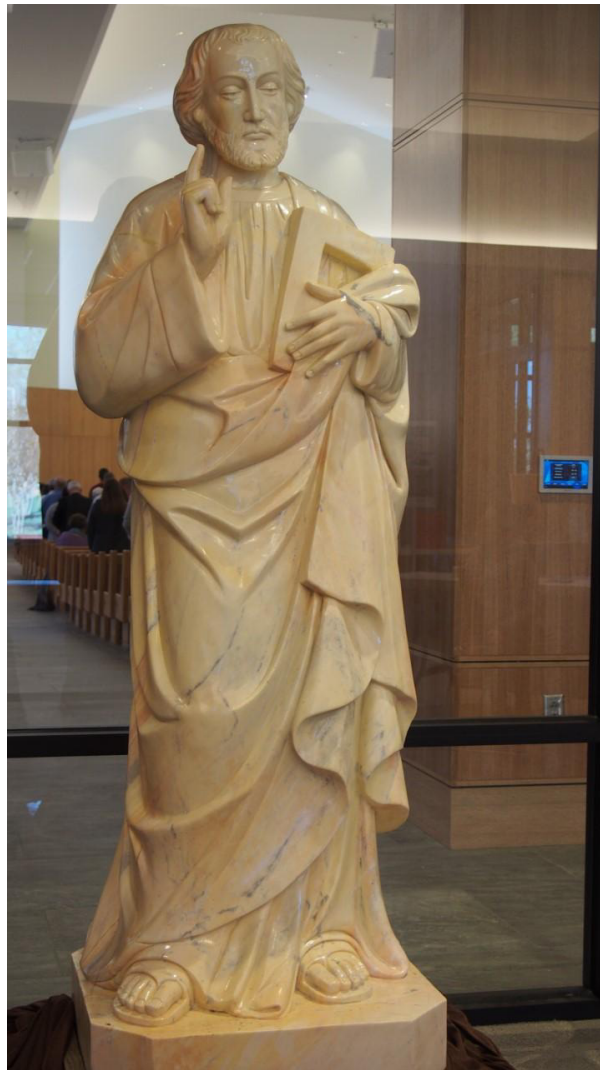
[Electronic Giving Authorization Form](#)

Pictures of the Week

St. Mary Magdalene Statue!



St. Thomas the Apostle Statue



Kristin DeMaria & John Zimmer were married on April 7th!



Worship & Witness



Come and celebrate a night of worship music this **Saturday, April 14th!** Start with a picnic dinner on the piazza from 6:00-7:30pm provided by STMM's ASP 2018 teams. It is supposed to be a beautiful day, so bring your picnic chairs and blankets for dinner on the piazza. Live music in the church will follow from 7:30 - 9:00pm courtesy of STMM's Youth Music Band, ROOTED. Tickets for dinner will cost \$7/person or \$20/family. You can purchase your tickets online till Friday, April 13th. The concert will be offered to you for FREE! All proceeds and donations will go directly to STMM's ASP 2018 Youth Ministry Mission Trip. You can learn more about this event and about STMM's ASP group by emailing Taylor Wray at stmmas@gmail.com. We look forward to worshipping with you!

[Purchase Online Tickets](#)

Migrant Worker Ministry Collection



This weekend (April 14th and 15th), all donations for St. Bernadette's **Migrant Worker Ministry** will be collected in the Church Narthex before and after all Masses. Thank you for your support of this ministry.

EDGE Parent Information Session



EDGE Parent ONLY Info Session! - Will you have a middle schooler next year? Interested in having them participate in an active thriving youth group? Were you not able to attend the Edge open house this year? Then come and join us to learn more about the EDGE. We will be hosting an information night on Tues, April 24th from 7:30 - 8:30pm in the Youth Room of the Activity Building. This is for PARENTS ONLY. You will learn all about what's available to, not only your teens but also you as parents. Contact Janine McGann at Janine.mcgann@gmail.com with questions.

StMM Spring Festival



It's time for the annual **StMM Spring Festival** on **Fri, April 20th, from 3-7pm** on the Athletic Felds! Bring family, friends, & chairs for an evening of fun! Activities include inflatables for all ages, rock wall, cake walk, & more! Bring cash for concessions. **Wristbands can be purchased in advance for \$10/child by emailing anneburge143@gmail.com or for \$12 at the door.** Wristbands provide unlimited rides & games - adults and children 2 & under are **FREE!** The Spring Festival will take place rain or shine, and no refunds will be honored. Adult and teen volunteers needed! Contact Anne (above) to volunteer. See you there!

Health Promotion



Are you taking care of your health? Simple changes can make a difference. We are proposing a new program at StMM called "**Health Promotion.**" Our parish and community has many resources. We welcome your input. Looking for volunteers of all ages, with or without medical experience, to organize a Health Fair. If interested, contact dana_conte@yahoo.com.

2017 Tax Statements



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If you did not receive your 2017 contributions statement, contact lynch@stmm.net, 919-657-4800 ext. 7281 and one will be sent to you.

You can also follow the instructions below to obtain your statement:

[Tax Statement Instructions](#)

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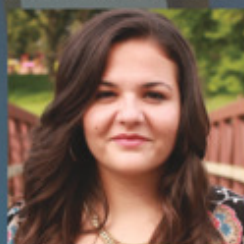


Fr. Donald Calloway, MIC

High School and Middle School Tracks



Mark Hart



Dana Catherine

Advance Tickets

\$15 ADULT

\$10 STUDENT

Vigil Mass celebrated by
Bishop Luis Rafael Zarama

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**Evening Program
in Spanish**

\$10 Adultos / \$5 Estudiantes



Fr. Rafael Capó



Darwin Lechler

**Young Adult Social
& Concert for All**

Free — RSVP @ IgnitedByTruth.org



Dana Catherine



Mathias Michael

'Knight's Corner'



Come enjoy breakfast with friends and family, expertly prepared by the Knights. Our next breakfast will be Sunday, May 13th 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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