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St. Mary Magdalene E-News

April 21, 2017

A Note From Father Donald Staib

The liturgies of our church from Palm Sunday through Easter are not the usual routine. Texts are different, music is different, and the ceremonies are unique. I am most grateful to all in our parish who help us with extra tasks and extra time to make this happen for all who come to worship, not only for Holy Week, but all weeks of the year. Many, many thanks.

MANY of these same parishioners, both staff and volunteers will now turn their efforts for our new church dedication. No rest for them until after that event!

There is one of our annual 2nd collections this weekend for Catholic Home Missions in the USA.

Sunday there is a Mass for all involved in our parish Youth programs. The Sunday evening attendance has been impressive this year. Thanks to all who volunteer.

Notes On New Church

The Celtic cross is on the dome.



The cement for the altar platform has been poured.



Work stopped only for Good Friday. I saw the lobby this week with the new lights on, and it is a stunning view. Also, our baptism font, fabricated in New Hampshire, arrived. I was able to peek inside the box. It will be installed when floors are ready. Painting has begun in many of the rooms.

Thank you to all who made recent contributions and to those who give on a regular basis. Be assured your gifts are being put to good use as we come to the final weeks of construction.

A hopeful number: there are 11 more weekends to 'stack the chairs 2 high' until we worship in our new church.

Father Donald Staib

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Reflection

Jesus said, 'Know what is in front of your face, and what is hidden from you will be disclosed to you. For there is nothing hidden that will not be revealed.'

Words from The Gospel of Thomas - widely regarded by scholars as containing many of the original sayings of Jesus. The Gospel of Thomas was discovered in 1945 among the gnostic texts at Nag Hammadi in Upper Egypt. It begins with this verse: 'These are the secret sayings which the living Jesus spoke and which Didymos Judas Thomas wrote down.' Thomas reveals a Jesus who merges with the wisdom of the sophists, with Diogenes, Plato, Socrates.

ASP Coffee & Donut Sales

Join us after Mass this weekend for our **LAST ASP Coffee & Donut sales** before our trip in June 2017! All of the proceeds from these Krispy Kreme Donuts and Larry's Beans Coffee will go directly to the Appalachia Service Project (ASP) STMM 2016 Team of 50 youth & 26 adults. Want to know more about this fundraiser or ASP?: Contact Taylor Wray at stmmas@gmail.com



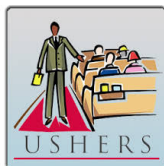
For Information about ASP Sponsorship opportunities click [HERE](#) for more details.

Helping Hands - Women That Care Collection

STMM Helping Hands Ministry will be collecting toiletries and household supplies to donate to **Women That Care.Org.**, a women's ministry that helps homeless men, women, and children in Wake County by distributing daily needs items. **To support this ministry, please stop by the donation table in the lobby this weekend, April 22nd & 23rd, to pick up a donation tag.** All donations must be brought to StMM before or after Masses the weekend of April 29th and 30th; but no later than noon on the 30th. Thank you for your generosity and support of this ministry. Questions, contact Kathy Barnack at kbarnack@nc.rr.com.



Ushers Will Be Needed



Ushers Will Be Needed! - We will need many more **men & women** as we move into our new worship space. Ushers serve the Church by tending to worshippers needs, helping them find a place, gathering the collection, assisting with processions, & bidding worshippers farewell when services conclude. On Tuesday, May 23rd at 7:30pm in the Adult Room there will be a general gathering of all women & men interested in this important ministry in our new worship space. Please RSVP to Celeste at usischon@stmm.net by May 21, 2017.

NEW Marriage Ministry



Weddings are Coming to StMM! - There will be an interest meeting on Thurs, May 25th at 7pm in the Adult Room for anyone interested in learning more about the new Marriage Ministry. Wedding volunteers are an essential part of all weddings celebrated in the Church to assist the wedding couple at their rehearsal and on their wedding day. Contact Julie Hoffman at weddings@stmm.net

Respect Life Committee



Respect Life Committee is looking for new coordinators to take on a leadership roles in this important program. The responsibility is fairly minimal and there is already a strong foundation in place. If you are interested and want more information to make a good decision, please contact Paul Mastropolo pmastropolo@gmail.com or Julie Hoffman julie_hoffman@nc.rr.com

StMM Annual Spring Festival



Spring is in the air...which means it's time for the annual StMM Spring Festival! Fun for the whole family will take place on Friday, April 28th, from 3:00pm-7:00pm on the StMM Athletic Fields. All are welcome - please join us and bring your family and friends! Bring a chair and relax while the kids enjoy the fun! There will be more than 10 inflatables for all ages, a rock wall, jousting, sports games, cake walk, DUNK TANK (NEW!), plus lots more! All rides and games are included with admission. The Knights of Columbus will be selling hot dogs (\$2), hamburgers (\$3), and chicken sandwiches (\$4), and student groups will have beverages, cotton candy, AND MORE available for sale. Cash is needed for concessions and for the dunk tank.

Wristbands can be purchased in advance for \$10 per child ages 3-18 in the StMM school office the week of April 24th, by emailing Anne Burge at anneburge143@gmail.com to reserve, for \$12 at the door or visit <http://school.stmm.net/parents/> Wristband purchase includes unlimited rides and games! Adults and children ages 2 and under are FREE.

The Spring Festival will take place rain or shine (no refunds on wristbands)! See you there for lots of fun and fellowship!

9 3/4 Monarch's In Motion

Save the Date, May 13, 2017 @ 8am Sharp!

Registration is now open for the 9^{3/4} Annual 5k race and walk. We are continuing to offer family discounts to promote participation. Registration information and forms are available at MonarchsInMotion.com. Volunteers, Sponsors and Staff are also needed! Look for details on the website, before or after Mass or contact volunteers_stmm5k@yahoo.com. Questions, contact Mike Grace at mike5kgrace@gmail.com.



KofC Blood Drive



The KofC will host their First Blood Drive of 2017 on May 13th from 11am-2pm in the Adult Room. Please register at <http://www2.mysignup.com/cgi-bin/view.cgi?datafile=stmm>. Remember one pint of blood saves three lives. Let's get behind this drive and save over 100 lives. If you have any questions, please email Bob Wolf at bobwolf5679@yahoo.com. Finally, we welcome new donors.

Our Columbarium



Our Columbarium continues to move forward not only in construction, but also in the sales of niches (which is currently at 61), and a preferred urn.

As stated in previous bulletins, St. Mary Magdalene and Apex Funeral home are co-sponsoring pre-planning seminars. Members of the columbarium committee have attended this session and found it very informational on what considerations and decisions are needed to meet family needs during this very trying time.

Two sessions will be held in the Adult Room on May 18, 2017. One seminar starts at 11am and includes lunch; the other starts at 6pm and includes dinner. Seating is limited, so RSVP is required; please RSVP by Friday, May 12th by calling Apex Funeral Home at 919-362-8233. A columbarium committee member will be on hand to answer columbarium questions if they come up.

Please refer to www.STMM.church/welcome/columbarium.cfm for columbarium and urn guidelines as well as pertinent information related to the upcoming pre-planning seminar. This is also where you can make your columbarium reservation or purchase an urn. If you have plans on making a columbarium reservation in 2017, we respectfully request you do that as early as possible this year to help offset construction costs.

The committee would like to make it clear that this is not a recommendation of Apex Funeral Home over any other funeral / cremation service in the area. As a neighbor to our church, Apex Funeral Home is certainly interested in being our provider of choice, but that will always be your individual decision.

StMM Summer Camps



StMM Summer Camps - StMM School will again be offering a variety of Summer Camps for Preschool (Ages 3-5, must be potty-trained) to 8th grade. Camps will be offered from June 12th to July 31st. Click [HERE](#) for camp dates and descriptions. Questions? Email summercamp@stmm.net

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