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Magdalene
CATHOLIC CHURCH

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St. Mary Magdalene E-News

April 7, 2017

A Note From Father Donald Staib

Our parish Holy Week schedule is:

- Holy Thursday at 7 pm
- Good Friday at 3 pm
- Holy Saturday at 8 pm

Remember: there is no 5 pm Mass on Holy Saturday. Easter Sunday Masses are at the usual time.

On Holy Thursday we have the ceremony of the Washing of Feet as Jesus did for his 12 Apostles at the Last Supper. If you would like to volunteer to participate in this service, please tell me after Mass or by email. All are welcome from the 3rd grade up. As of this writing I need 3 more Apostles.

If you have been watching the 'Notes on New Church' you have seen the incredibly generous response to our appeal for funds to completely finish the construction before July 15. We know the church will be ready on that date, but there are some details we still want to add now, rather than later.

Please keep in your prayers the family of Rick Estes; Rick was a long time member of our parish who moved to Williamsburg. He devoted much time to organize the Bloodmobile for the Knights of Columbus when he lived here.

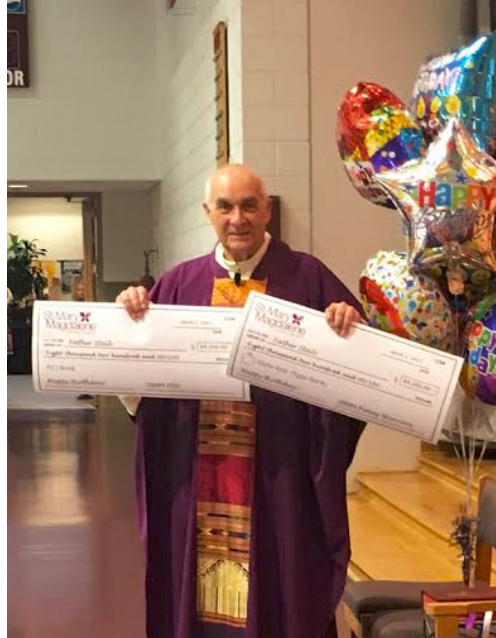
Notes On New Church

In recent weeks, since we made a special appeal, your generosity has brought in \$344,351 of new donations and/or paid on outstanding pledges. Last weekend alone we received \$42,443.

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These gifts are most helpful as we try to fit everything into the church building. The parish response is outstanding, and while we have received a lot of money, that doesn't 'BRIDGE THE GAP' we have at this time, but does help us tremendously.

So, thank you to everyone that has already contributed and please for those with outstanding pledges - try to pay those pledges now or as soon as you can, but definitely before May 30, 2017.

Of course, any new donations, one time payments, short term pledges are more than very welcome.

A hopeful number: there are 13 more weekends to 'stack the chairs 2 high' until we worship in our new church.

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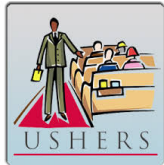
(Click on the above link to Donate)

Reflection

This day - Palm Sunday - when we sing our hosannas and bow our heads in sorrow as we hear the

passion account for the first time this year we begin the holiest week of the Christian year. It is no ordinary week, for we celebrate Jesus' unreserved self-giving. Holy Week brings before us the demands of self-giving. All of our daily living throughout the year reminds us that, ultimately, like Jesus, we must give ourselves over to God so that God might give us divine life.

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.

ASP Sponsorship Opportunities

We are officially accepting Sponsorships for this year's mission trip!

4 levels:

Family [\$100], Silver [\$300], Gold [\$500], and Platinum [\$2500]

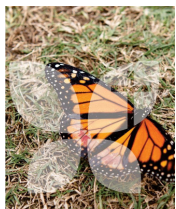
Please take a moment to review the available sponsorship opportunities and consider how your support can make a difference in the communities we serve over the summer. Not only does your sponsorship make ASP possible, it ensures the warmth and safety of families in the mountains right in "our backyards." Since its inception, only four years ago, St. Mary Magdalene's youth on ASP have helped over 26 families. This year, we plan on helping 10 families all in one week!



If you are interested or know anyone who would be interested in being a sponsor for ASP, please email Taylor Wray at stmmasp@gmail.com. Deadline is April 28!

Click [HERE](#) for more details.

Our Columbarium



The masonry work on the columbarium is close to completion. Later this month the flooring is scheduled be installed. That will be followed by a mid-June installation of the stainless steel niche structures. The columbarium is on schedule to be completed in time for the Church dedication on July 15, 2017. We are preparing to start inurnments in August of 2017.

In our information series over the last few weeks, we indicated an update on the availability of a preferred urn. In conjunction with Apex Funeral Home, two avenues of discounted urn pricing are being made available for a limited amount of time. Between now and Dec 31, 2017, you can purchase the StMM preferred urn at a significant discount off retail prices. This deal is made available **ONLY** through an online purchase; please go to www.STMM.church/welcome

[/columbarium.cfm](#) to review the urn guideline document and complete your urn purchase. Once complete, you may immediately pick up your urn(s) at Apex Funeral Home. When using this option, you are under no obligation to use services through Apex Funeral Home at the time of death or inurnment.

The second avenue is to complete a pre-arrangement agreement with Apex Funeral Home. Between now and Sept 1, 2017, Apex Funeral is offering the same preferred urn at no cost to those who pre-arrange service. The pre-arrangement process will include an informational seminar provided by Apex Funeral Home and StMM. An invitation to attend a seminar will come out in the bulletin in the next few weeks.

Please refer to www.STMM.church/welcome/columbarium.cfm to for both columbarium and urn guidelines. That site is also where you can make a columbarium reservation or purchase a discounted urn. If you have plans on making a columbarium reservation in 2017, we respectfully request you do that as early as possible to help offset construction costs.

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.

NEW Marriage Ministry



Weddings are Coming to St. Mary Magdalene-Do you want to be part of the new Marriage Ministry! Are you available to volunteer a few times a year? Well, the new StMM Marriage Ministry is recruiting volunteers! You have heard the saying "build it and they will come", well they are coming and you could be part of a couple's special day.

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. Come be part of this exciting new ministry. You can help with friends or some couples choose to help together. It is a beautiful way to remind ourselves of the joy of this sacrament. Contact Julie Hoffman at weddings@stmm.net

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!

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.

KofC Fish Fry



The KofC Council 7186 thanks all who volunteered or participated in the 2017 Fish Fries! We sold over 2,100 meals in three nights! Special thanks to the STMM Girl Scouts, STMM Band, and STMM National Junior Honor Society for providing terrific desserts. We are also thankful to folks who bought raffle tickets or donated food for the Brown Bag Ministry during our events. We are blessed to be part of an incredibly supportive and generous Church and School community.

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