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Magdalene
CATHOLIC CHURCH

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A Note From Father Donald Staib

Our new Bishop, Luis Rafael Zarama, will arrive for his installation ceremony on August 29. I received this information from our Diocese:

On Monday, August 28, 2017, Vespers will be celebrated at 7 pm at our new Holy Name of Jesus Cathedral. No tickets are necessary for this liturgy, as seating will be made available to all the faithful and visitors who wish to attend.

Following Vespers, Bishop Zarama will greet in the Narthex of the Cathedral those in attendance. Light refreshments will be made available directly outside the Narthex of the Cathedral.

Thank you for your generous response last weekend for the 2nd collection for the support of the retired clergy of our Diocese. We received \$6,508.

We offer prayers and blessings for our parish youth and leaders this weekend for their retreat.

Father Donald Staib
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Notes on the New Church

Many thanks to all who have made the new church a reality for our parish. We still have cash flow challenges - so we welcome additional gifts, the larger the better. But all gifts are gratefully accepted.

You have noticed some portions of the building are not complete; and we have no furnishings or meeting room window treatment at this time. So we have lots of opportunity to use new donations.

The contractors estimate that the Chapel will be completed by the end of August. The wood panels arrived this past week. (see the picture below)

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(Click on the above link to Donate)

Pictures of the Week

Wood Paneling going up in the Chapel!



Picture of Our New Church!



New Church Dedication Video

If you wish to see the 2 hour video of our church dedication, here it is:

[Dedication Day Video](#)

Reflection

Words of Pope Benedict XIV - spoken in 2008 in answer to a priest's question. The question was about the readiness of young people for receiving sacraments, Communion, Confirmation, Marriage.

I can't give you an infallible answer right now. I can only try to respond based on what I see. I have to

say that I've followed a path similar to yours. When I was young I was rather more severe. I said: the sacraments are the sacraments of the faith, and when the faith isn't there, where there's not practice of the faith, the sacraments can't be conferred.

When I was Archbishop of Munich I always discussed this with my pastors, and there too there were two factions, one severe and one more generous. I too in the course of time have realized that we have to follow instead the example of the Lord, who was very open also with the people who were at the margins of Israel at that time. He was a Lord of mercy, too open--according to many of the official authorities--with sinners, welcoming them or allowing himself to be welcomed by them at their dinners, drawing them to himself in his communion.

Safe Environment Training



Safe Environment Training--Adults wishing to volunteer with youth at StMM are required to fill out a volunteer application and attend Safe Environment training. Our next sessions will be Wed, Aug 23rd at 1pm; Mon, Aug 28th at 6:30pm & Thurs, Aug. 31st at 6:30pm. The session will last approx. 2 hours and is for adults only as the presentation is not appropriate for children. Email Bertha Smith, bsmith@stmm.net to register and get the meeting room location.

Commemorative Bricks



Commemorative Bricks line the walkway to our Activity Building. StMM will be placing another brick order in September. If you did not make the deadline for the March order you can still have a brick engraved this year. Our deadline will be Sept. 29th and will be in the ground by Thanksgiving. Order forms are in the church office or at <http://www.stmm.church/giving/>

Respect Life Ministry



Respect Life Ministry is looking for new coordinators to take on a leadership roles in this important ministry. 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 Nicol Frewerd at nicol.frewerd@gmail.com, 919-819-7812.

RCIA



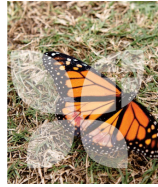
RCIA is the Rite of **Christian Initiation for Adults**. It is the process for becoming Catholic. **Inquiry Sessions** for all interested in becoming a Catholic are starting and will run **Aug 21 & Aug 28**. We will meet in **Room 4 in the Church Building**. Park in the back lot near the Columbarium. Sessions will run from 7:30-8:30pm. RSVP to Celeste at usischon@stmm.net. **Topic:** Welcoming/Why Come? Are You Thinking About Becoming a Catholic? Share your story. Marriage: Contract or Covenant?

StMM Ministry Fair



SAVE THE DATE for the 2017 Ministry Fair, to be held in the Narthax (lobby) of the church after each Mass on the weekend of September 9-10. The Ministry Fair will feature information about many of the Programs and Ministries at St Mary Magdalene, including how interested parishioners can get involved. Donuts and drinks will be provided.

Our Columbarium



Progress continues towards completion of all 552 niches.

Walls Number 5 and 8 are complete. Pending inurnments in those two walls can be scheduled with Father at your convenience.

A total of 72 niches have been reserved across all 10 walls. A new link on the columbarium website gives you a view of which niches have been reserved without going into the reservation process. The columbarium is always open for visitation. In wall 3 the Church has reserved 2 niches for use by families that experience a preborn or infant death. A brass cube urn has been selected and will be provided to the family by the Knights of Columbus. The niche will have room for up to 6 urns. The family determines if the name of the child is engraved in the faceplate. Arrangements are made directly with Father. The columbarium committee will then make all arrangements for the niche and urn.

The completion of all walls in the columbarium is targeted by the end of September 2017. Our supplier ran into unexpected manufacturing issues which are now resolved.

The preferred urn program with Apex Funeral Home continues through December 2017. The discount is over 50% of retail. If interested, all transactions are on line, and you pick the urn(s) up at the funeral home. If you complete a pre-planning agreement with Apex Funeral Home the same preferred urn is provided at no charge.

If you are interested in exploring the option of a niche within Our Columbarium, please contact the committee through columbarium@stmm.net. If you would like to start the reservation process please go to www.StMM.church/welcome/columbarium.cfm. The online reservation process will automatically show you what niches are available. Once you make your choice the system is updated real time.

StMM School Part Time Postions



StMM School has two part time positions available for the After School Program-The positions are from Mon-Fri. from 3pm to 6pm. Applicants must be 18 years of age or older and should have experience in child care. Applicants will also have to pass a background check and attend a 2 hour Safe Environment class. Perfect job for college students. The positions need to be filled immediately. If you are interested, please contact Gary Callus at callus@stmm.net

Join Cub Scout Pack 224



Inviting all rising Kindergarten through 5th grade boys to join Cub Scout Pack 224. We meet the first and third Tuesday of each month from 7-8pm at StMM. The pack activities include the Apex Christmas Parade, Pinewood Derby, Halloween and Christmas parties, family camping, Sleep with the Sharks in Myrtle Beach and so much more! Please visit our website <http://www.apexpack224.org> or contact Robert Ato at cubmaster@apexpack224.org.

Parish Athletics Fall Sports!



Fall Soccer (Apex-Cary)

Grades are Coed from Pre-K (3 year-olds) to 8th grade. **Dates** run from late August to October. **Practice Locations** will be in Apex or Cary, you pick. **Game Locations** are in Apex & Cary. **Cost:** Pre-K - \$60; K - 8th Grade - \$65 (includes medal, shirt, and picnic). **Note:** Pre-k players have a combined practice/game on Saturdays. Kindergarteners - 8th graders have one weekday practice per week

Fall T-ball & Machine-pitch (Apex-Cary)

Grades are Coed from Pre-K (4 year-olds) to 4th grade. **Dates** run from September to October. **Practice Locations** are in Apex & Cary, you pick. **Game Locations** will mostly be in Apex, but some could be in Cary. **Cost:** \$65 (includes medal, shirt, hat, and picnic). **Note:** Pre-k players have a combined practice/game on Saturdays. Kindergarteners to 4th grade have one weekday practice per week and games on Saturdays. **Format:** Pre-K & Kindergarteners play T-ball and 1st to 4th graders play Machine-pitch.

Fall Flag Football (Apex-Cary)

Grades are Coed from Pre-K (4 year-olds) to 5th grade. **Dates** run from September to November. **Practice Locations** in Apex or Cary, you pick. **Game Locations** in Apex & Cary. **Cost:** Pre-k, \$55; K - 5th Grade, \$60 (includes medal, shirt, and picnic). **Format:** Pre-K will have practices/games on Saturdays. Kindergarteners through 5th grades will have one weekday practice and games on Friday nights.

[Click here to Register for any of the Parish Athletic Programs!](#)

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