

St. Mary  
Magdalene  
CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## St. Mary Magdalene E-News August 4, 2017

### A Note From Father Donald Staib

We often mention how rapidly a summer passes. This year was the fastest ever and there were good reasons: getting the church completed in time for Dedication, all the efforts of so many in preparing for the Dedication, I had a week at Emerald Isle with my family, the Dedication of the Cathedral.

All of a sudden summer seems gone!

We have our back to school Mass next Sunday August 13 at 4 pm and the students will soon begin classes.

Our new Bishop, Luis Rafael Zarama, will arrive for his installation ceremony on August 29. I do not yet have any details about that yet, but I assume representatives will be invited from all the parishes.

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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 treatments 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. Some additional furnishings arrived this past week on Thursday.

## **DONATE NOW To OUR NEW CHURCH**

(Click on the above link to Donate)

### **Pictures of the Week**

A couple pictures from the Party on the Lawn Celebration last Saturday! It was a beautiful evening and everyone had fun and enjoyed delicious food from the onsite food trucks!



### **New Church Dedication Video**

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

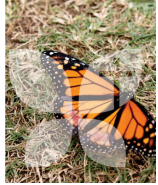
[Dedication Day Video](#)

### **Reflection**

Pope Francis' goal is to make the structures and mentality of the Church more reflective of the Gospel and person of Jesus Christ. Through the process of synodality, he is opening up spaces for dialogue and discussion that involve all the Holy People of God and not just the male clerics. He is not democratizing the Church, but he is creating a large and indispensable forum for all voices to be heard through the classic, but too often forgotten, process of discernment.

It is still a fledgling-and for many, frightening-process that was revived with preparations for the last two gatherings of the Synod of Bishops on marriage and the family where all Catholics were given an opportunity to make their views known to the Church's pastors. - Robert Mickens

## 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](mailto:columbarium@stmm.net). If you would like to start the reservation process please go to [www.StMM.church/welcome/columbarium.cfm](http://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.

## Family Promise Volunteer Opportunity



STMM will support **Family Promise** by volunteering time and donating items to homeless families that will be housed at St. Andrews Aug. 20-26. **Please stop by the tables in the lobby this weekend, Aug. 5-6, to select your volunteer activity or item for donation.** We could not do this without you, and need many volunteers for each day and night. Family Promise is a county-wide program that provides support to pre-screened homeless families as they transition into permanent housing (<http://www.familypromisewake.org/>). **Reminder: All donations are dropped off at St. Andrew's.** Please contact Mary Wire at [mbwire@gmail.com](mailto:mbwire@gmail.com) or 919-749-8932 with questions.

## CPO Baby Shower



Thank you StMM Parishioners for your generosity in donating items to the **CPO Baby Shower Drive!** We collected an amazing 1,158 pounds of children's items and \$885 to help our less fortunate neighbors. This is a blessing to the families we serve.

## Eucharistic Minister Training



**EM of HC Needed!** Our new space will now provide 9 sections of seating for 1,350 people. Each of our weekend Masses will need 16/17 ministers of Communion at each Mass. Please consider training to be an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion. Requirements: completely initiated (Baptism/Communion/Confirmation) practicing Catholic in good standing with the Catholic Church. Training will take place every Tuesday from 7p-9p & every Wednesday from 10a-12p in the months of August & September in the Church. RSVP to Celeste at [usischon@stmm.net](mailto:usischon@stmm.net).

## 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](mailto:bsmith@stmm.net) to register and get the meeting room location.

## Join Cub Scout Pack 224



Inviting all rising 1st grade 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](mailto: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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