

St. Mary
Magdalene
CATHOLIC CHURCH

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St. Mary Magdalene E-News
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A Note From Father Donald Staib



This weekend and last weekend we celebrate the First Communion for 128 of the children of our parish. I noticed that I baptized 31 of them 7 years ago or so. We welcome their families today and rejoice on this happy occasion.

July 16 - the day after our Church dedication - at the two Sunday Masses I would like to baptize as many babies as possible. There will be a brief homily that day because I will have depleted by thoughts the previous day. So far there are 7 babies; we have a new baptism font in the church. There was a picture of it in the e-news 2 weeks ago.

Please note the new information in the 'Notes' as written below. We want everyone to know we will keep our promise to recognize those who have been so generous to our new church.

Father Donald Staib

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Notes on the New Church

In August, 2012 our parish began a Capital Campaign called 'Our Church~Our Time' and we asked each parish family to consider a 5 year pledge of \$5,000. Many did so, and we want to recognize them in our Dedication Program. Some parish members gave much more than what we asked for. For them especially we are very grateful; they have made this new church a reality.

In the Program, we will include names of those that made pledges of \$5,000 plus those that were also generous in exceeding that amount.

If you do not wish to have your name listed in the Program, please email lynch@stmm.net. The

deadline to be included is Friday, June 16th.

We also promised in the new church we would have a Memory Wall to recognize those who made gifts at the level we asked. This Memory Wall will be placed in the church about a year from now. Between now and then there will be time to add & revise this list. For the memory Wall people will be invited to create their own words-like we do on the brick walkway coming into the Activity Building.

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(Click on the above link to Donate)

Pictures of the Week

Taken near daybreak so the roof lights could be focused.



Specially made new frames for the old stained glass windows.



Getting the frames ready for the stained glass.

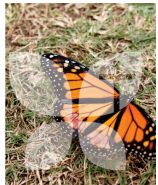


Reflection

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how to give courage to frightened people
 how to find ways to celebrate diversity in unity
 how to bring excitement and enthusiasm to exhausted and tired people
 how best to communicate the good news we have found in Jesus

New Church Dedication Volunteers



Volunteers are needed before and after the Dedication Mass on Saturday, July 15th.

Use <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0a45adab2c7-stmm> to volunteer. Once you sign up, you will be contacted with your volunteer opportunity.

Parking assistance will be provided.

Accommodations, if needed, have been arranged for our senior parishioners and any attendee needing wheelchair assistance.

Upon arrival on July 15th, the Activities Building will be open for your comfort and convenience starting at 2pm.

The Rite of Dedication procession will begin promptly at 3:45pm from the Activities Building. The procession will end at the front of the locked church doors on the piazza.

If you choose not use the Activities Building then please gather on the piazza in the designated areas.

Parish volunteers will guide the directional path from the Activities Building to the Church piazza.

The Rite of Dedication begins at 4pm. We anticipate approximately a 2 hour liturgical celebration.

At the conclusion of the Rite of Dedication, parish volunteers will guide the directional path from the Church back to the Activities Building for light refreshments.

Parish volunteers will also remain inside the Church to accommodate people who would like to take a look around.

All buildings will be closed by 8pm for the evening. Sunday liturgies are at 9am and 10:45am.

Farewell for Bishop-elect Ned Shlesinger



Join the Diocese in sending off Bishop-elect Ned Shlesinger to his new assignment as Auxiliary Bishop of Atlanta on Thursday, June 8th for an Evening Prayer at Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish in Newton Grove at 6:45pm followed by a Receiving Line at 7:30pm.

We are happy to note that Bishop-elect Schlesinger will come to lead us in the blessing of our New Church on July 15th.

Men's Fellowship & Faith Formation



Mens Fellowship

The Last Supper. Communion. The Great Feast. Bread and Wine. The Holy Eucharist. The Eucharist is the center-point of the Mass-but why? The Friday Morning Men's Fellowship and Faith Formation group will participate in a 10 week program this summer on the Eucharist starting on June 9th. We will meet from 6:15-7:45am and it is no problem if you cannot attend all sessions. If interested or if you would like more information contact Paul Mastropolo pmastropolo@gmail.com or 919-518-7424.

Eucharistic Minister Training



Eucharistic Minister of Holy Communion in the Sacred Liturgy Information/Training Sessions are set for June 15, 2017 from 10am-12pm and 7pm-9pm in the Adult Room. If you are a veteran & want a brush up OR you would like to begin serving in this liturgical ministry please join us. These sessions will include some "introductory" training for our new worship space. Contact Celeste usischon@stmm.net with your questions. RSVP to either session is due no later than June 12, 2017. Please indicate the time you will attend & if you are a veteran EM of HC or new to the ministry.

Family Promise!



Family Promise - STMM will support Family Promise by volunteering time and donating items to homeless families that will be housed at St. Andrews June 18-24. Please stop by tables in the lobby this weekend, June 3-4 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://wihn.org/>). **Reminder**-All donations are dropped off at St. Andrew's. Please contact Mary Wire at mbwire@gmail.com or 919-749-8932 with questions.

Western Wake Crisis Center Food Drive



The shelves at Western Wake Crisis Ministry need our help to fight hunger in our community this summer. Food items needed include pasta sauce, canned fruit, vegetables and beans, cold cereal, mac and cheese, peanut butter, tuna and 6 packs of apple sauce. Bring any food donations to Mass and place them in the Helping Hands bins in the lobby.

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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