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St. Mary Magdalene E-News

March 31, 2017

A Note From Father Donald Staib

Here is the schedule for Lent Penance Services; there is only one left.

-Wed, April 5 - St Michael - 7 pm

Palm Sunday is next week and then Holy Week:

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

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.

Keep in mind we do not have Baptisms during Lent but I welcome babies for baptism for the Easter Sunday Masses and for the Masses July 16, the Sunday after new church Dedication.

Last week we received \$4,325 in the 2nd collection for Catholic Relief Services. Thank you very much.

Notes On New Church

In recent weeks, since we made a special appeal, your generosity has brought in \$301,908 of new donations and/or paid on outstanding pledges. Last weekend alone we received \$25,690.

[We will report an additional 2 gifts of \$8,200 in next week's report]

These gifts are most helpful as we try to fit everything into the church building. The parish response is outstanding, and while it is 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 14 more weekends to 'stack the chairs 2 high' until we worship in our new church.

Father Donald Staib

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Pictures of the Week

Mr. Goose is back. But there is no water in our pond.



The Columbarium takes shape.



Reflection

All of the Saints started somewhere, in some unremarkable way, before venturing off the charts, taking a step into the unknown, responding to a voice that seemed to call them farther, deeper.

As often as not, in the lives of the saints, that voice came to them from the needs of their poor

neighbors-the sick, the orphaned, the prisoner-or a moment in history that seemed to call for some ultimate choice: Whom shall I obey? To whom am I ultimately accountable?

But first we have to take the saints down from their pedestals-to show them as flesh and blood human beings, who tried as best they could to live out the challenge of the Gospel in their particular moment in time.- Robert Ellsberg

KofC Fish Fry



Our Last Fish Fry of this Lenten Season will be **TODAY, Fri, March 31st** in the Dining Hall from 5:30-7:45pm. (Eat in or Take Out). Pre-order online at www.lentfishfry.com. We use top quality cod and shrimp, prepared fried or baked. Fried fish is freshly breaded just prior to cooking which delivers to you a perfect golden brown crispy filet. We serve our meals with your choice of seasoned french fries, parsley potatoes, or macaroni and cheese along with cole slaw, corn bread and dessert. Come out and enjoy a great meal with friends and family while supporting many worthy community causes championed by the KofC.

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]

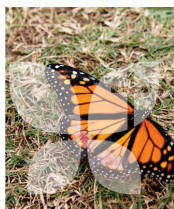
Please take a moment to review the available sponsorship opportunities and consider how your support can make a difference in the communities we serve over the summer. Not only does your sponsorship make ASP possible, it ensures the warmth and safety of families in the mountains right in "our backyards." 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



Construction of Our Columbarium is well underway. The target remains for the columbarium to be completed in time for the Church dedication. At this time total of 59 niche reservations have been completed.

Informational meetings will be held again this weekend after each Mass. The objective of these meetings is to provide you information for this very important decision. If you have interest in understanding the Catholic Church position on

cremation, obtaining specific information on the STMM Columbarium location, construction materials, size of niche, cost, and guidelines that will be in effect, then please take 20 minutes and attend one of the sessions.

Columbarium pamphlets are in the lobby providing you more information including the website to either contact the committee or to make a niche reservation. If you are going to make a reservation in 2017 we would appreciate your consideration as early as possible to support construction costs. Make your reservation at: www.STMM.church/welcome/columbarium.cfm
After Mass information session is scheduled for April 22 & 23 in the Adult Room.

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

New Church Open House Virtual Tour

In case you missed our Virtual Open House, here is the link to the video we showed a few weeks ago.



Open House Virtual Tour

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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!

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