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Magdalene
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St. Mary Magdalene E-News

May 19, 2017

A Note From Father Donald Staib

Many thanks and congratulations to all who helped to sponsor the 5K Race last Saturday. This is a unique event we at St Mary Magdalene provide for our community. Over the past years donations from this event have been given for the new church and they have helped very much.

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 my thoughts the previous day. So far there are 6 babies.

Our new baptism font in the church has arrived. Here is a picture of it waiting to be installed and covered with the same granite as the altar -



Congratulations to the 87 students who graduated from our 8th grade this Friday. One of the themes from the Sunday's Gospel is Jesus leaving the Apostles.

'It is not going to be the same.' We will miss the students, but pray for God's blessings on all their future endeavors.

Father Donald Staib

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Notes on the New Church

In recent weeks, since we made a special appeal, the generosity of many has brought in \$476,007. This has been a wonderful response and we are grateful as we come to the last months of construction.

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 very welcome. These gifts help us tremendously as we try to afford everything planned into the church building. We are trying to 'BRIDGE THE GAP' of available cash.

A hopeful number: there are 7 ONLY more weekends to 'stack the chairs 2 high' until we worship in our new church.

Picture of the Week

'Birds Eye' view of our New Church!



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Reflection

Psalm 68:5 says, "Father of the fatherless and protector of widows, is God in his holy habitation."

Deuteronomy 10:18 says, "He ensures that orphans and widows receive justice. He shows love to the foreigners living among you and gives them food and clothing."

James 1:27 says, "Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the world."

Deuteronomy 14:29 says, "And the Levite, because he has no portion or inheritance with you, and the sojourner, the fatherless, and the widow, who are within your towns, shall come and eat and be filled, that the Lord your God may bless you in all the work of your hands that you do."

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.

KofC Blood Drive



Congratulations - The St. Mary Magdalene/Knights of Columbus Blood Drive had 27 pints of blood donated this past Saturday. That means, we will help 81 people. What an awesome turn out. Thank you to all those who donated. Please mark your calendar, the next blood drive will be November 4th.

Western Wake Crisis Center Food Drive



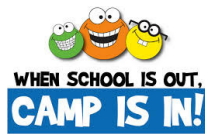
The shelves at Western Wake Crisis Ministry need our help to fight hunger in our community this summer. Food items needed include pasta sauce, canned fruit, vegetables and beans, cold cereal, mac and cheese, peanut butter, tuna and 6 packs of apple sauce. Bring any food donations to Mass and place them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

The Greeters Need You!



The Greeters need you! - Chances are this bulletin was handed to you by a smiling member of the Greeters ministry. Our goal is to make every person who visits our church feel welcome and part of our parish community. Why not join us? It's a great way for ANYONE to get involved. For more information contact Markus Schneider at stmm.greeters@gmail.com or 919-335-3316.

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

CPO Needs Your Plastic & Paper Grocery Bags



Catholic Parish Outreach is VERY short on plastic & paper grocery bags. This winter and early spring we've been blessed to receive a lot of produce donations.....the only downside is that we use many plastic bags distributing the produce.

Please continue to save your bags for CPO. You can put them in the bins in the lobby of the Activity Building. Thanks in advance for your help!

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