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St. Mary Magdalene E-News
May 6, 2017

A Note From Father Donald Staib

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CONFIRMATION CLASS OF 2017

**110 Young People were Confirmed
on Friday Night.**



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This weekend we welcome Father Peter Quinto to our parish for the annual collection for Missions. Each parish in our Diocese is assigned one weekend for a collection for the Missions. Father will speak about the ministry and mission work of the Rogationist Fathers.

The collection for the Rogationist missions will be after Communion.

I congratulate the young people of our parish who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on Friday evening.

It was a pleasure for me to be the one who confirmed since we do not yet have a Bishop. I never confirmed a class before, and I expect that opportunity will not come again - presuming we do not have a Bishop vacancy again.

To repeat what I wrote last week: Pastors normally confer Confirmation at the Easter vigil for the RCIA people, but pastors in our Diocese this year may confirm since we do not have a Bishop. If we do not have a new Bishop in the next week or so, my guess is we will not have one until after the Dedication of the new Cathedral. It is a guess - I have no inside information.

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 \$459,487. This has been a wonderful response and we are grateful as we come to the last months of construction. Last week we received \$34,403 in extra gifts and in pledge payments. We received a generous gift of \$25,000 from a donor who is not a member of our parish. Thank you!

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.

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 9 [gulp!] more weekends to 'stack the chairs 2 high' until we worship in our new church.

DONATE NOW To OUR NEW CHURCH

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Updated Open House Video

Reflection

Christians are those who have heard the voice of Jesus and have responded to it. Christianity is not so much a philosophical position as a relationship to a very particular person. Notice how absolutely individual a voice is, how distinctly textured.

Those who walked with Jesus in the Palestine of the 1st century were privileged to hear the voice of Jesus directly, but we, his contemporary followers, can hear it still, though more indirectly.

Jesus says that the sheep follow the voice of their shepherd, which they can pick out amidst the cacophony of competing sounds. So to those who feel lost today, like sheep without a shepherd, I say 'Listen.' --- Bishop Robert Barron

9 3/4 Monarch's In Motion

**9 3/4 Monarch's In Motion 5k Race & Walk is NEXT weekend
May 13th 2017 @ 8am Sharp!**

Registration is open and we are continuing to offer family discounts. 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. All proceeds go to the StMM New Church Fund, so bring you family out and help as we race to the finish line and the completion of the new church in July!!



KofC Blood Drive



The KofC will host their First Blood Drive of 2017 on May 13th from 11am-2pm in the Adult Room. Please register at <http://www2.mysignup.com/cgi-bin/view.cgi?datafile=stmm>. Thank you to the donors that have signed up for the blood drive. However we have to have 25 people signed up or the event will be cancelled. Remember one pint of blood saves three lives. Let's get behind this drive and save over 100 lives. If you have any questions, please email Bob Wolf at bobwolf5679@yahoo.com. Finally, we welcome new donors.

NEW Marriage Ministry

Weddings are Coming to StMM! - There will be an interest meeting on Thurs, May 25th at 7pm in the Adult Room for anyone interested in learning more about the new Marriage Ministry. Wedding volunteers are an essential part of all weddings celebrated in the Church to assist the wedding couple



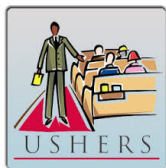
at their rehearsal and on their wedding day. Contact Julie Hoffman at weddings@stmm.net

The Greeters Need You!



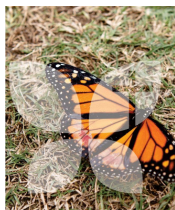
The Greeters need you! - Chances are this bulletin was handed to you by a smiling member of the Greeters ministry. Our goal is to make every person who visits our church feel welcome and part of our parish community. Why not join us? It's a great way for ANYONE to get involved. For more information contact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

Ushers Will Be Needed



Ushers Will Be Needed! - We will need many more **Men & Women** as we move into our new worship space. Ushers serve the Church by tending to worshippers needs, helping them find a place, gathering the collection, assisting with processions, & bidding worshippers farewell when services conclude. On Tuesday, May 23rd at 7:30pm in the Adult Room there will be a general gathering of all women & men interested in this important ministry in our new worship space. Please RSVP to Celeste at usischon@stmm.net by May 21, 2017.

Our Columbarium



Our Columbarium continues to move forward not only in construction, but also in the sales of niches (which is currently at 61), and a preferred urn.

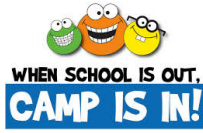
As stated in previous bulletins, St. Mary Magdalene and Apex Funeral home are co-sponsoring pre-planning seminars. Members of the columbarium committee have attended this session and found it very informational on what considerations and decisions are needed to meet family needs during this very trying time.

Two sessions will be held in the Adult Room on May 18, 2017. One seminar starts at 11am and includes lunch; the other starts at 6pm and includes dinner. Seating is limited, so RSVP is required; please RSVP by Friday, May 12th by calling Apex Funeral Home at 919-362-8233. A columbarium committee member will be on hand to answer columbarium questions if they come up.

Please refer to www.STMM.church/welcome/columbarium.cfm for columbarium and urn guidelines as well as pertinent information related to the upcoming pre-planning seminar. This is also where you can make your columbarium reservation or purchase an urn. If you have plans on making a columbarium reservation in 2017, we respectfully request you do that as early as possible this year to help offset construction costs.

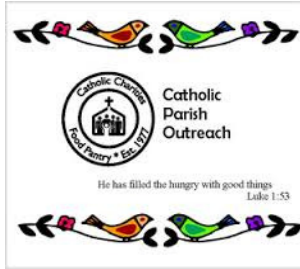
The committee would like to make it clear that this is not a recommendation of Apex Funeral Home over any other funeral / cremation service in the area. As a neighbor to our church, Apex Funeral Home is certainly interested in being our provider of choice, but that will always be your individual decision.

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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