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Magdalene
CATHOLIC CHURCH

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A Note From Father Donald Staib

October is Respect Life in our church. One of the items we include in Respect Life is life for refugees, people without a homeland.

The Catholic Catechism #2241 states: The more prosperous nations are obliged, to the extent they are able, to welcome the foreigner in search of the security and the means of livelihood which he cannot find in his country of origin. Public authorities should see to it that the natural right is respected that places a guest under the protection of those who receive him.

Political authorities, for the sake of the common good for which they are responsible, may make the exercise of the right to immigrate subject to various juridical conditions, especially with regard to the immigrants' duties toward their country of adoption. Immigrants are obliged to respect with gratitude the material and spiritual heritage of the country that receives them, to obey its laws and to assist in carrying civic burdens.

May all our efforts to Respect Life be blessed in October and at all times.

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The servants went out into the streets and gathered all they found, bad and good alike, and the hall was filled with guests. (Gospel) _

Jan Cornelisz Vermeyen, Marriage at Cana
ca 1530

Deacon Joe LaPierre Update

Deacon Joe reports that his recent heart surgery went very well, but he had a subsequent severe bout with diverticulitis that is causing him a longer period of recuperation. He is anxious to be back with us.

Now That The New Church Is Completed!

We have the obligation to make large monthly payments for 15 years - and we are challenged to respond to new parish endeavors brought about by our new building.

Here is a snapshot of the giving patterns of our parish during the past 12 months for Offertory [payments on pledges to the new church is a separate account]. The amounts below are the sum of all offertory received in the past 12 months.

12 over \$10,000	25 over \$6,000	35 over \$4,000	85 over \$2,000
345 over \$1,000	300 over \$500	382 over \$100	155 over \$3.00

We are so grateful to those who have helped us. We are blessed with generous people who provide for our ministries and buildings.

As careful administrators of people's gifts, each year we review our membership rolls. One item that is easy to analyze are the gifts to the parish. We could not find a record of any gift in the past 12 months for about 325 names on our current list.

We have written this folks recently - snail mail - asking their intentions to continue membership in the parish. If we do not hear back in a reasonable time, we will remove them from our active list.

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Pictures of the Week

Blessing of the Animals by Jonah!



New parishioners enjoying the Welcome Dinner!



KofC members manning the Ministry Fair table!



Reflection

We actively choose conversion of life when we face what keeps us from growing in strong relationships, when we examine our priorities and keep God as the center of our lives instead of pursuing more and more possessions, when we put the good of others before our own desires. We deepen our belief in Jesus when we prayerfully and regularly read the gospels, when we recognize the Presence of Christ in others, when we take time to pray every day and prepare well for Sunday Mass.

Trunk-A-Treat



StMM Women's Fellowship announces Trunk-a-Treat on Fri, October 27th! Join us in StMM's lower parking lot (behind the activity building) at 5:45pm to park and decorate your cars. The Children's Costume Parade will step off at 6:30pm, with Trunk-a-Treating immediately following. Prizes will be awarded for Best Costumes and Best Decorated Car! Please bring one bag of nut-free candy for each child participating, candy will be collected at the event. Remember your candy buckets! Questions? Contact Grace at

gdanuck@gmail.com

Eucharistic Adoration



Eucharistic Adoration- Do you hear our Lord calling to us? He speaks to us in the silence. Bring your cares, sorrows and prayer intentions. Eucharistic Adoration is available in the Chapel on the First Friday of the month starting after morning Mass and ending at 8pm. Our next Adoration is November 3rd. If you can spend an hour a month with our Lord, contact Anita Becker at 919-642-0441, ALANITABECKER@aol.com. **We must have someone there at all times and help is needed to cover all of the hours!**

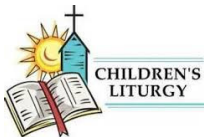
Family Promise



STMM will support **Family Promise** by volunteering time and donating items to homeless families that will be housed at St. Andrews Oct. 22-28. 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: If you picked up a tag last weekend, ALL donations are dropped off at St. Andrew's** Questions please contact mbwire@gmail.com, 919-749-8932.

Family Promise - Donations Needed to Pay for Unexpected Expenses-The Family Promise property in Raleigh has experienced two unfortunate and expensive incidents involving water pump failure and structural damage due to a fallen tree. They are seeking donations to cover the \$10,000 needed for repairs and tree removal. Donations can be made on the website <http://www.familypromisewake.org/> or you can mail your check to Family Promise of Wake County at 903 Method Road, Raleigh, NC 27606.

Children's Liturgy of the Word



Children's Liturgy of the Word-The CLOW ministry guides children ages 3 to 6 years through the Liturgy of the Word in a prayerful, kid-centered way. We are excited to begin offering CLOW at the 9 am and 10:45 am Masses, and to do so we need C-Level Safe Environment Volunteer Leaders and Parent Assistants. Contact Celeste at usischon@stmm.net to volunteer for the CLOW ministry

Chrysalis



Calling all married couples to Chrysalis Marriage Enrichment! With a focus on faith

and fellowship, monthly meetings are designed to help couples strengthen their relationships and families through Christ. To sign up or for more information, please email Ryan & Kelley Evenson at stmmchrysalis@gmail.com.

Fall meeting dates are October 22 and November 19 from 12-1:15 pm in the New Church Meeting Rooms. Onsite childcare is available for children under 10 years. RSVPs are kindly requested.

Looking for an opportunity to help serve our parish families? **C-level certified adults and responsible, energetic youth volunteers** (ages 11 years +) are needed on the **Chrysalis Childcare Team**. Volunteers lead activities and care for the children during monthly meetings. To volunteer, please contact stmmchrysalis@gmail.com. Thank you!

'Knight's Corner'



2017 Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest - All Catholic students currently in grades 8 - 12 are invited to participate in the 2017 Knights of Columbus Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest. This year's theme is "**Going to the Peripheries**", inspired by Pope Francis' repeated call for us to become missionary disciples.

First place wins \$100! Submissions due by October 15. [Click here for details](#) or contact David Tate at tatedavid2001@gmail.com.



2017 Soccer Challenge - All boys and girls ages 9-14 are invited to take part in the 2017 Knights of Columbus Soccer Challenge on Sunday, October 29th at 1:00 pm.

[Click here for details](#) or contact David Tate at tatedavid2001@gmail.com.



KofC Blood Drive-The Rex Bloodmobile will be here on Sat, Nov. 4th from 11am-2pm. Sign up online at <http://signup.com/go/stmm>. Slots are filled on first come first serve. One pint can save up to three lives. Give blood to honor our military members and veterans. Please remember to eat and drink well before your appointment and bring a photo ID. Questions contact Bob Wolf at bobwolfpcs@yahoo.com, 352-397-9793.



Become a Knight! Faith, Family and Fraternity...These words make up the foundation upon which the Knights of Columbus stands. The efforts of our local Council 7186 support the St. Mary Magdalene community as well as communities around the world.

Males who are 18 years of age or older and who are practicing Catholics are eligible to join. For information about this sponsored organization, please visit www.kofc7186.org or contact Michael Erpenbach at mike@erpenbach.com.

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