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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 our own involvement in public affairs. Our American Bishops have written:

As a nation, we share many blessings and strengths, including a tradition of religious freedom and political participation. However, as a people, we face serious challenges that are both political and moral. This has always been so and as Catholics we are called to participate in public life in a manner consistent with the mission of our Lord, a mission that he has called us to share.

Unfortunately, politics in our country often can be a contest of powerful interests, partisan attacks, sound bites, and media hype. The Church calls for a different kind of political engagement: one shaped by the moral convictions of well-formed consciences and focused on the dignity of every human being, the pursuit of the common good, and the protection of the weak and the vulnerable.

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

This weekend we have one of our annual and national 2nd collections for Missions of the Church. These funds are used to help missionaries throughout the world. Remember next Sunday, October 29th there will be NO 6pm Youth Mass.

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Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God.

(Gospel)

Anthony van Dyck, Tribute Money, 1625

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.

DONATE NOW To OUR NEW CHURCH

(Click on the above link to Donate)

Picture of the Week

Jonah under a beautiful Fall Blue Sky!



Reflection

Cyrus the *Great* is famed as a triumphant conqueror, a superb warrior, and the founder of the greatest empire the world has ever seen. However, with the *Cyrus Cylinder* and a range of Jewish texts, plus extensive writings by Xenophon, Cyrus is generally more admired as a liberator than a conqueror. Cyrus the *Great* was mentioned twenty-two times in the Old Testament, where he is unconditionally praised. This followed his active liberation of the Jews from Babylon in 539BCE and his support as more than 40,000 Jews then chose to return to their homeland. Cyrus then funded the subsequent rebuilding of the Temple in Jerusalem.

Guest Speakers Coming to StMM! - Join Us!



A special invitation to spend an evening with Sr. Miriam James, SOET(Society of Our Lady of the Most Holy Trinity)

When: Monday, 10/23 from 7pm-8:30pm

StMM Church

This event is free & open to any adult who wishes to attend.

Grateful to the Lord for His gifts of healing and peace, Sr. Miriam James shares with great zeal the love of Jesus. Speaking to people throughout the world, she invites others to deepen their relationship with God, who guides us to freedom and peace in loving us as we are. Sr. Miriam's story has been featured in the Seattle Times, The National Catholic Register and heard on Relevant Radio, Sirius XM, Catholic Answers Live and EWTN's Life on the Rock, as well as Steubenville conferences, the Share Jesus campaign and international conferences and retreats. She holds a Master's degree in Theology from the Augustine Institute and often attends courses at the Theology of the Body Institute. find her on Twitter @onegroovynun & you can order your copy of her book, Loved as I Am: An Invitation to Conversion, Healing, and Freedom through Jesus on paperpack & on Amazon.com. Sr Miriam is also featured in the film by Project Light Ministries & 4pm media, "Speaking to Sparrows".

StMM invites you to an evening with

Deacon Ralph Poyo

Thursday, 10/26, 7-8:30pm

StMM church

"Surrendering & trusting God"

Deacon Ralph is the founder of New Evangelization Ministries whose mission is with the help of the Holy Spirit "to build

Catholic parishes that will lead hearts to Christ. Ralph seeks to help parishes become agents of self-evangelization, so that the first fruits of their programs is that of putting their parishioners "not only in touch but in communion, in intimacy, with Jesus Christ..." (Pope John Paul II, Catechesi Tradendae, para. 5). Deacon Ralph has written several books including co-authoring a book with Fr. Dave Pivonka, TOR "Encounter- Discovery to Discipleship". He has extensive experience hosting parish missions, retreats, & training seminars for parishes focused on equipping them to evangelize from within. [www.http://nem.training/](http://nem.training/)

This event is free & open to teens, young adults, & adults.



KofC Blood Drive



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. Thank you to the people who have signed up for the blood drive however I need you consideration and help. **We need eleven more people to sign up or the blood drive or it will be cancelled.** The cost of mobilizing necessitates a minimum of 20 people. Thank you for your consideration. Questions contact Bob Wolf at bobwolfpcs@yahoo.com, 352-397-9793.

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



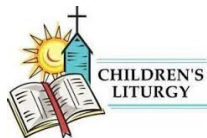
Eucharistic Adoration- Do you hear our Lord calling to us? He speaks to us in the silence. Bring your cares, sorrows and prayer intentions. Eucharistic Adoration is available in the Chapel on the First Friday of the month starting after morning Mass and ending at 8pm. Our next Adoration is November 3rd. 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 supports **Family Promise** by volunteering time and donating items to homeless families that will be housed at St. Andrews Oct. 22-28. **Reminder: All donations need to be dropped off at St. Andrew's by Oct. 22nd.** Questions contact Mary Wire at mbwire@gmail.com, 919-749-8932.

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 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.



Keep Christ in Christmas Card Sales-Our local Knights of Columbus council will be selling Christmas Cards in the Narthex at each Mass starting this weekend through Thanksgiving. These cards are all religious themed and proceeds from sales will go to the new church fund. Stop by and take a look - get your card shopping done while supporting a worthy cause!



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.

Raleigh Deanery Mass Time Change



The Raleigh Deanery Mass at the Holy Name of Jesus Cathedral will be Sunday, Oct. 22nd at 3:30pm. Please note the time change from 3pm!

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