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A Note From Father Donald Staib

October is Respect Life in our church. Our American Bishops have written:

People of Life share the signs of hope about the growth of a new culture that welcomes, respects, and protects life. Respect Life affirms our responsibility to love God and others and to protect the most vulnerable among us: the unborn, the elderly, and all whose lives are threatened.

Wednesday, November 1 is the feast of All Saints, a holyday. Masses are with the school children at 8:15 in the morning and in the evening at 7 pm.

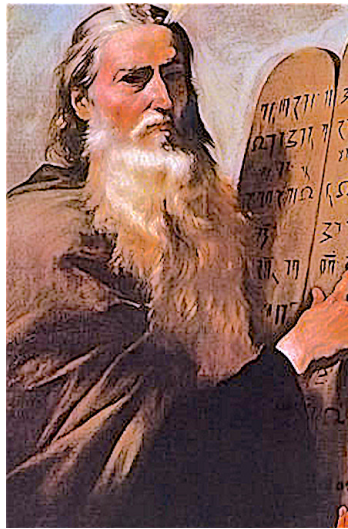
I am grateful to Msgr. Gerald Lewis for helping me by taking the All Saints morning Mass. I will be here in the evening.

November begins Wednesday - it is the month we remember those who have died. Among the dead are members of our family, our friends, those who have helped to provide for us the enjoyments of our lives. May God give them rest and peace.

Remember there is no 6pm Youth Mass on Sunday, October 29th.

I will be available for the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Saturday, November 4th about 10:30am, when I am finished with Baptisms. I will be in the Reconciliation Room on the south side of the Church. I will try to offer this time as often as I can.

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One of (the Pharisees), a scholar of the law tested him by asking, "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest? (Gospel)

Jusepe de Ribera, Moses, 1638

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 these 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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Picture of the Week

Sister Miriam James spoke to the Youth on

Sunday and the Parish on Monday!



Sister Miriam after spending an evening
at StMM!



Reflection

The Pharisees test Jesus with a seemingly superfluous question. Superfluous, because every observant Jew would have already known the answer. These experts in the 'the law and the prophets' could not quarrel with Jesus' answer. But they did, over and over, quarrel with how Jesus put this answer into practice in his own life. Jesus' way of living the double law of love put them to the test. And they failed.

If Jesus were to test us by asking, 'What is the greatest commandment?' our verbal answer might

pass the with flying colors. But would the way we live pass his test?

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 your consideration and help. **We need 10 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.

Eucharistic Minister Training



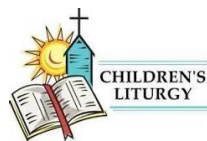
EMs of HC in the Sacred Liturgy Training Sessions - Need a brush up on new procedures? Interested in being involved in the ministry? A training session is set for Sun Nov. 12th & Sun, Dec. 3rd in the Church from 2-4pm. New to the ministry please arrive at 2pm for complete training. Veterans who would like a brush up newly amended procedures please arrive at 3pm. RSVP to Celeste at usischon@stmm.net.

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!**

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.

Our last Fall meeting date is 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.

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