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A Note From Father Donald Staib

Thank you for the wonderful generosity last weekend in the 2nd collection for those harmed by Hurricane Harvey in Texas. We received \$13,787, one of the largest 2nd collections in memory. These funds will be distributed through Catholic Charities in the Dioceses that have been impacted. In addition our StMM school community has collected boxes of supplies and over \$6,500 for StMM school in Humble, Texas.

Also - commendation to all who organized and volunteered in our Ministry Fair last weekend. It was our first use of the lobby and I thought it served our parish well.

This coming week all priests of the Diocese will be on Retreat. There will be morning Mass only on Monday. As always we remember members of our parish at Mass during the Retreat days. This will be the first opportunity for me to be with our new Bishop, but he will also have to meet over 100 other priests during the week. That would exhaust my memory.

Next week we will have a 2nd collection for those who have lost everything in the devastation of Hurricane Irma.

On Sundays when our Youth meet there is a 6 pm Mass. Youth begin the new year next Sunday. All are welcome to attend. Consult the bulletin to see the Sundays when the Youth meet.

Father Donald Staib
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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.

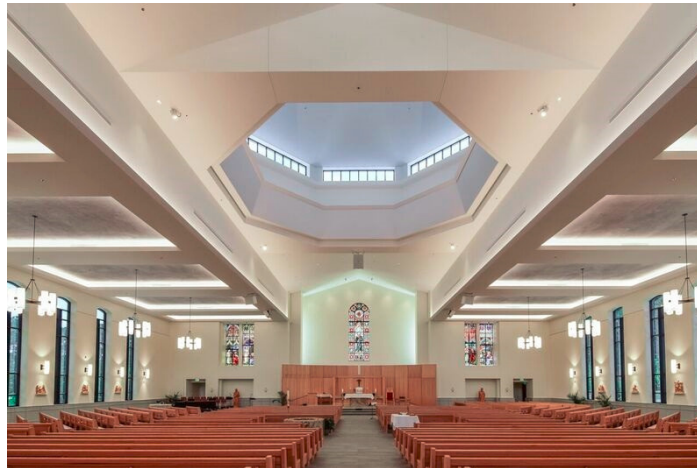
We will write to these folks soon - snail mail - asking their intentions to continue membership in the parish. If we do not hear back in a reasonable time, we will remove them from our active list.

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(Click on the above link to Donate)

Pictures of the Week

View of Interior with Atria!



Bird's Eye View of the Bell Tower!



CPO Truck waiting for Food & Preschool Book Donations this weekend!



Reflection

From the Introduction to the Book of Sirach: The author, a sage who lived in Jerusalem, was thoroughly imbued with love for the law, the priesthood, the temple, and divine worship. As a wise and experienced observer of life he addressed himself to his contemporaries with the motive of helping them to maintain religious faith and integrity through study of the holy books, and through tradition.

Another sage I have learned about -- Wu Yubi, a Chinese scholar and teacher of the 1400's, wrote: My goal is to progress to the point of mastering myself by devoting myself to the cultivation of reverence and empathy. The reason I know about Wu is that a high school student I taught long ago translated his diaries and memoirs. I am in awe of that kind of talent. And impressed by sages of any age, even though their relentless searches will always remain searches.

Feed - A- Family Food Drive!



Feed-A-Family Food Drive is this weekend. Please bring your food donations, monetary donations and preschool books to the CPO truck in the parking lot by 12noon on Sunday, Sept. 17th. Please help CPO serve the less fortunate in our community. Questions, contact Kelly Rappl at krappl@nc.rr.com or Kathy Barnack at kbarnack@nc.rr.com.

CPO H2O For Hunger Challenge

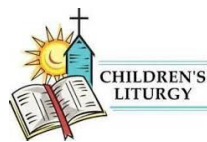


Do you want to help feed hungry families in our community? **\$25 feeds a family for a week and CPO serves an average of 8,500 people a month!** CPO Friends will match funds up to **\$35,000!** Help us reach this goal! 25% of NC children under 5 go to bed hungry. You can help by joining Catholic Parish Outreach's **H₂O for Hunger Challenge** this September as part of National Hunger Action Month. **For one week - September 18-24-drink tap water instead of your preferred beverage..** At the end of the week, put your savings together and send it to CPO so we can buy food for the hungry.

Catholic Parish Outreach
2013 N. Raleigh Blvd.,
Raleigh, NC 27604

For more information go to www.cporaleigh.org or call 919-873-0245

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

Safe Environment Training



Adults who wish to volunteer with youth at StMM are required to fill out a volunteer application and attend Safe Environment Training. Our next session will be Mon, Sept. 25th at 6:30PM. The session will last approx. 2 hours and is for adults only as the presentation is not appropriate for children. Email Bertha Smith bsmith@stmm.net to register and to get the meeting room.

Eucharistic Adoration

Eucharistic Adoration- Do you hear our Lord calling to us? He speaks to us in the silence. Bring your

Eucharistic*Adoration*

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. We will begin again on October 6th. 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!**

Commemorative Bricks



Commemorative Bricks line the walkway to our Activity Building. StMM will be placing another brick order in September. If you did not make the deadline for the March order you can still have a brick engraved this year. Our deadline will be

Sept. 29th and will be in the ground by Thanksgiving. Order forms are in the church office or click here: [Brick Order Form](#)

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 September 24, 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.

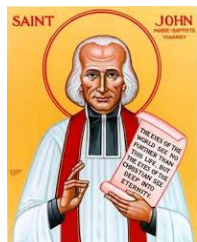
Looking for an opportunity to help serve our parish families? **C-level certified adults and responsible, energetic youth volunteers** (ages 11 years +) are needed on the **Chrysalis Childcare Team**. Volunteers lead activities and care for the children during monthly meetings. To volunteer, please contact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

Gabriel Project



The Gabriel Project here at StMM provides on-going support to women who are in the midst of a crisis pregnancy or who are struggling to care for a newborn baby. We are looking for a new ministry head. If you are interested, please contact Kristen Drake at kmdrake4@gmail.com.

Traveling St. John Vianney Project



Our "Traveling St John Vianney" project is looking for additional volunteers this year. As a reminder to pray for our priests and an increase in vocations, families take turns bring the statue home. St John Vianney is the patron of priest and the statue in your home serves as a visual reminder to pray daily for this special intention. Depending on participation each family will have the statue for 2-4 weeks during the year. Please email Chris and Megan Brinkley if you are interested m.brinkley@hotmail.com

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