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A Note From Father Donald Staib

We will have a 2nd collection today to do our part to help those whose lives were disrupted in Puerto Rico by Hurricane Maria. The reports from there are frightening, with no electricity and no water.

As we always do, the funds will be distributed through Catholic Charities. So many thanks for the collection last week for those affected by Hurricane Irma - we received \$13,125. [A few weeks back we received \$13,787 for those who suffered from Hurricane Harvey.]

Our school just sent 600 pounds of new supplies to StMM School in Humble, Texas and a check from our school families for \$9,000. We keep in prayer all those who continue to be harmed by new storms.

October is Respect Life Month. We are grateful to our own parish Respect Life Committee for their efforts to keep us all connected to these important issues. Our American Bishops invite us: 'to restore respect and legal protection for every human life . . . in focusing on the need to protect the lives of the innocent unborn and those who are disabled, ill, or dying, we will help to deepen respect for the life of every human being.'

Deacon Joe LaPierre reports that his surgical heart procedure went well and he went home to recover fully. Then he had an attack of diverticulitis, so he had to go back into the hospital. He is now recovering from that trouble. We keep him in our prayers.

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He emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, coming in human likeness;
and found human in appearance, he humbled himself.
(Second Reading)

Fra Angelico, Baptism of Lord
Fresco, circa 1437-1446

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.

DONATE NOW To OUR NEW CHURCH

(Click on the above link to Donate)

Pictures of the Week

Up close picture of one of the Stations of the Cross carved in Vietnam.



Bird's Eye View of Church & School!



Reflection

A Christian missionary in the Middle East used to share this parable about the two sons with villagers that he visited and asked: "Which was the better son?"

The vast majority answered that the son who said yes to his father even though he did not go to work in the vineyard was without doubt the better son. The son's reply was honorable and respectful. It was what the father wanted to hear. That he never went to work in the vineyard is beside the point, which in the Middle East is always honor.

Remember that life in the Middle East is very public. Honor, the core value of this culture, requires such publicity. The dialogue between the father and his sons in this parable takes place not in private-just between two at a time-but rather in public, within view and earshot of many villagers. Like their modern-day descendants, the Middle Eastern villagers in this parable favor the respectful but disobedient son over the disrespectful but obedient son.- Father John J. Pilch

Respect Life Sunday



Respect of Life Sunday is this Sunday, October 1st - Please join us after the 9am & 10:45am Masses on Sunday in celebrating Respect of Life! Come and learn more about what Respect of Life is and enjoy some small refreshments.

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. **DEADLINE WAS EXTENDED TO OCTOBER 6TH** and will be in the ground by Thanksgiving. Order forms are in the church office or click here: [Brick Order Form](#)

Blessing of the Animals



Blessing of the Animals will take place on Sunday, October 8th at 1:25pm in the Church Piazza near the statue of Jonah.

Holy Land Olivewood Crafts



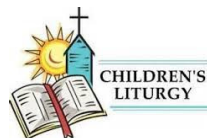
On the weekend of October 7th and 8th there will be a display of beautiful Olive Wood hand carvings from the town of Bethlehem in the Narthex. These carvings are made by Christians of Bethlehem who use them as their source of income. These brothers and sisters are enduring hardships at this moment because of the volatile situation in their home country. Christians in the Holy land used to be more than 30% of the population, now they are less than 1.5% because of the situation. You can support them by purchasing these carvings. By sending the proceeds back to the craftsman's families, this solution has allowed Christian families to remain in their homeland and work at their traditional crafts. The money flowing back to the families has allowed them to maintain a stable way of life and allowed them to work at what they know best

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. 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!**

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

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. Please stop by tables in the lobby the weekend of Oct. 7-8 to select your volunteer activity or item for donation. 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: 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.

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!

Our Lady of Fatima Rosary



One hundred years ago "Our Lady of Fatima" appeared before Lucia Santos, Jacinto & Francisco Marto. She asked them to devote themselves to the Holy Trinity and to pray 'the Rosary every day.'" Thousand's then witnessed the "Miracle of the Sun" as it danced in the sky. Now is our time to come and answer Our Lady's request. **Join us on Oct. 14th at StMM at 12noon as we pray the rosary.** Bring your family. All are welcome.

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080a44afa92d6-fatima>

'Knight's Corner'



"Second Sunday" Pancake Breakfast - Come enjoy breakfast with friends and family, expertly prepared by the KofC on Sunday, October 8th following the 9am & 10:45M Masses. Cost is \$8 for adults, \$5 for children 12 and under. Meal includes pancakes, scrambled eggs, choice of bacon, ham or sausage, along with coffee, milk and orange juice. All proceeds to benefit the new church.



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.



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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