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A Note From Father Donald Staib

There is a 2nd collection this weekend for the people who have suffered so much from Hurricane Harvey. As usual these funds will be distributed through Catholic Charities. There are 12 Dioceses in Texas, and when I looked at the map I expect six of them have been affected by the storm.

I write these words for Thursday bulletin deadline, wondering if on the weekend we will have a new cause for concern from Hurricane Irma. It is so sad to witness the destruction of people's homes and way of life.

Our parish is very blessed with volunteers who give of their time and talents to our many parish ministries. When we began our parish on this site in 2000 we began with no programs. We have grown now to a large congregation, and our parish needs and the needs of others have been recognized.

I am most grateful to the individuals and the groups who have come forward to help us in our ministries. And we invite others to take time to visit a table this weekend at our annual Ministry Fair and consider offering to help.

Father Donald Staib
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Some Sacramental Notes

RECONCILIATION - CONFESSION

In the back of our new church there are two confessionals, one in each corner. I will use the one on the south side, next to the drop-off driveway. I am striving to find an workable Saturday time for Confessions. Very frequently I have Baptisms at 10 am, so the time I am considering is after the

Baptisms, around 10:30. Confessions will not be every week, but in this time when everyone is wired, it should be easy to check the schedule.

WEDDINGS

We have three weddings on our church calendar before the end of 2017. I have presided at weddings for 56 years, but never in our new church. I am grateful to those who are assisting me right now in the many details of wedding preparation.

For weddings, which are usually on Saturdays, I rarely get the opportunity to attend the reception because I have to be at church for 5 pm Mass. On Labor Day I went to a wedding of friends and had time to attend the reception.

I did not realize that the clergy have additional duties at the reception when 3 year olds get bored and tired. I was confined to my chair for about 45 minutes until this friend of mine decided his nap was over.



Now That The New Church Is Completed!

It is time to move into a new phase of parish life. The generosity of many people made it possible for us to enjoy a new church for worship. It will take about 15 years to complete our debt payments and we will have larger operating costs to challenge us in the days to come.

Now that we do not need to make weekly construction reports we will revise our comments in this space in the bulletin.

Soon we will prepare some information about our parish finances. You will not be surprised to know that we continue to rely on the generosity of parish members. We encourage generosity in our weekly offertory and in the special once a month envelope to help pay for the church construction.

We will provide more information in the weeks to come.

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Pictures of the Week

Close up view of our Tabernacle!



Another Bird's Eye View of Our New Church!



Reflection

REFLECTION - UNUSUAL AUTHOR

A.C. Snow, Raleigh N&O commentator, age 94

In the long ago, as a student at UNC, I walked past Silent Sam almost every day. Neither I nor anyone I knew paid much, if any, attention to the statue. I knew nothing of its history, other than that it is a memorial to the Confederate soldiers who died during the Civil War.

Outside the classroom, our minds were primarily on procuring a date with one of those scarce co-eds, . . . bragging about Carolina's powerhouse football teams while imbibing beer at the Rathskeller.

Silent Sam was not an issue within our comfortable cocoon.

Ministry Fair is This Weekend!



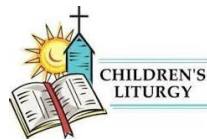
2017 Ministry Fair is this weekend in the Narthax (lobby) of the church after each Mass. The Ministry Fair will feature information about many of the ministries and programs at StMM, including how interested parishioners can get involved. Donuts and drinks will be provided.

RCIA



RCIA is the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults 18+ years. It is the process for becoming Catholic. A candidate for this process would be an unbaptized adult **OR** an adult with Christian baptism. In either case (unbaptized or Christian baptism) the adult is desiring Baptism/ Eucharist/ Confirmation **OR** Eucharist/Confirmation. We meet each Monday from 7:30p-9p in Room 4 of the Church Building. Use the door behind the statue of Jonah on the piazza to gain access. We begin on Mon, Sept. 11th. **Topic: RCIA is a Process Not a Program** - What is the RCIA? and the distribution of catechetical materials & curriculum. Contact Celeste at usischon@stmm.net with your questions.

Children's Liturgy of the Word



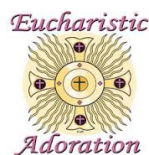
Children's Liturgy of the Word-The CLOW ministry guides children ages 3 to 6 years through the Liturgy of the Word in a prayerful, kid-centered way. We are excited to begin offering CLOW at the 9 am and 10:45 am Masses, and to do so we need C-Level Safe Environment Volunteer Leaders and Parent Assistants.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

Feed-A-Family Food Drive



Feed-A-Family Food Drive-Did you know that Catholic Parish Outreach food pantry gave a week's worth of groceries to an average of 8,500 people / month in 2016? Next week volunteers will be handing out grocery bags with an attached shopping list. Please help CPO serve the less fortunate in our community by taking a bag and returning it on of **Sept. 16th and 17th**. **We are also in great need of books for preschoolers for our clothing ministry.** If you have any questions or would like to help with this project, please contact Kelly Rappl at krappl@nc.rr.com or Kathy Barnack at kbarnack@nc.rr.com

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

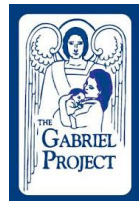


Calling all married couples to Chrysalis Marriage Enrichment! With a focus on faith and fellowship, monthly meetings are designed to help couples strengthen their relationships and families through Christ. To sign up or for more information, please email Ryan & Kelley Evenson at stmmchrysalis@gmail.com.

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!

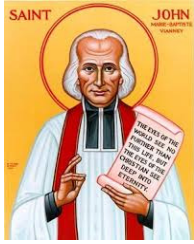
Gabriel Project



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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