

# *The Messenger*

*St. Mary Magdalene Council of Catholic Women, Newnan GA*

## **Lenten Prayer**

Loving God, open my eyes to my true dignity - that I am your child reborn in Baptism in the image of Jesus.

The burdens and responsibilities of daily living often cause me to forget your personal love for me. My sins and past failures discourage me. I let the opinions of others rob me of hope. I too easily measure myself by the standards set by society, rather than see myself in the light of faith in your Word. As a result, I lose courage and fail to see the gifts that you have given me. Lord, help me to appreciate my body, my mind, my soul, my talents and the people who love me. May I always be thankful for your mercy and the forgiveness of my sins through the Blood of Christ your Son.

Father, grant me wisdom to make right choices and the strength to face the challenges of life. Bless me each day to be the person you created me to be. Give me a deep abiding awareness of who I am in your eyes - the child whom you love. Let this grace strengthen me and encourage me to be generous in giving myself to others, as you give yourself to me.

Jesus, I commit myself to you as your disciple. I desire to share faith in you with those who lack faith. I desire to be a person filled with your Holy Spirit, so that I may be empowered to inspire hope in those who are discouraged. I desire to be a faithful reflection of your love to my family, friends, and all whom I meet in daily life. May I experience, with Mary, your mother and mine, the joy that comes in being a channel of your peace. In your Name, Jesus, I pray. Amen.



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# Spring CCW Calendar

SPRING 2024

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

YOU ARE CALLED BY NAME  
COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN  
ST. MARY MAGDALENE

### MARCH

- 1 Newsletter released
- 7 CCW Meeting, 11:30AM, SMM Rooms 101/102
- 8 CCW Sponsored Lenten Simple Supper  
& Stations of the Cross
- 9 Bridging the Gap, 8-11 AM
- 22 Monastery of the Holy Spirit Trip

### APRIL

- 1 Newsletter released
- 13 Tulip Tea Social with Speaker Deacon Swope  
10 AM, SMM
- TBD Plant Pickup

### MAY

- 1 Newsletter released
- 2 CCW Meeting, 11:30 AM, SMM Rooms 101/102
- 4 Bridging the Gap, 8-11 AM

### JUNE

- 1 Soup Kitchen, Shrine of Immaculate Conception
- 30 5th Sunday Rosary with KOC

### JULY

- 13 Bridging the Gap, 8-11 AM
- 21 CCW Sponsored Parish Wide Ice Cream Social



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# Prayer Circles



## St. Agnes' Prayer Circle

We convened on February 20th at 10 AM in the morning with eleven women.

(This meeting was on the scheduled day, but we had forgotten this was the week of school break.) As all agreed that the group needed a few changes in organization, several suggestions were discussed.

Deidre Heegen volunteered to be leader of the group and the CCW contact; the group still needs a co-leader. I would suggest Deb Camp as the "special projects advisor". Other agreement - eliminate refreshments. Each person can bring their own beverage, if wanted.

For our program, each person shared their favorite devotional and/or saint. Also shared was a little personal information on how they came to this community and parish, plus their best past or future vacation.

For the next few meetings -

March 19 - Abby's Angels. Members could help with the run or volunteer in the future.

April 16 - CASA - Paula Ercolini will talk about the advocacy program for foster children.

May 21 - The Rosary since May is Blessed Mary's month.

Also Hannah Bolte is a harpist and could talk to us about the harp and play - WOW !

St. Agnes Circle will break during the summer months and reconvene on September 17.

## St. Margaret's Prayer Circle

Due to the Winter Break week in our schools, St. Margaret's Circle will be postponing the monthly meeting until February 28th. It will be held at Monique Haskins house. We will have an update of our Circle meetings in March. Please contact the Circle Leader, Anne Benson ([abenson0416@gmail.com](mailto:abenson0416@gmail.com)), if you'd like to join us.

# RESCHEDULED Monastery of the Holy Spirit

Due to the inclement weather we experienced on January 12, our field trip to Conyers had to be postponed. I am happy to say that we have RESCHEDULED this trip for Friday, March 22, 2024.

We will meet in SMM parking lot at 9 AM. Please bring a snack or bag lunch with you, if needed, as the day will be 4-6 hours long. Carpooling may be available.

Please R.S.V.P to Suzette Binek, 724-513-0837 or [suzettebinek@gmail.com](mailto:suzettebinek@gmail.com) NO LATER THAN MARCH 20.



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**St. Mary  
Magdalene**  
Catholic Church  
25th Anniversary

**ANNIVERSARY EVENTS FOR MARCH - JUNE 2024**

**MAR 9**

*Bridging the Gap, 8 AM - 11 AM*

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0449ADA82DA20-47001230-bridging#/>



**MAR 9**

*Re-Store Habitat for Humanity. 9:30 AM - Noon*

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0D4DAAAF2BA3F49-habitat#/>



**MAR 22**

*Special Olympics Bowling Support, 9:45 AM - Noon*

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0449ADA82DA20-48184844-special#/>



**APR 6**

*Habitat for Humanity Build Opportunity, 8:30 AM - 3 PM*

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0D4DAAAF2BA3F49-47358724-habitat#/>



**APR 10**

*Midwest Food Bank, 6:30-8:30 PM*

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0449ADA82DA20-46973526-midwest#/>



**APR 6/7**

*Polo & T-Shirt Pickup*

**APR 20**

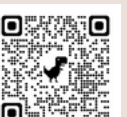
*Abby's Angels Run Event, 8:30 AM*



**APR 24**

*2024 Coweta County Special Olympics Fied Day, 8:30 AM - 1:30 PM*

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0449ADA82DA20-48186228-2024#/>



**APR 30**

*Deadline for Photo Book Submissions*

**MAY 4**

*Bridging the Gap, 8 AM-11 AM*

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0449ADA82DA20-47001243-bridging#/>



**JUNE 5**

*Midwest Food Bank, 6:30- 8:30 PM*

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0449ADA82DA20-46973529-midwest#/>



**JUNE 21**

*National Eucharistic Pilgrimage - Walk with Jesus*

## Upcoming SMM 25th Annivesary Activities

### Abby's Angels

Abby's Angels Rainbow Run and Family Fun Day Volunteer Opportunities & Race Registration

The Abby's Angel Rainbow Run is being held on April 20, 2024! Volunteer positions are open for bag stuffers, packet pickup/registration, course setup, and game volunteers. If you can help, please contact Cheri Hooper at [cheri24hooper@gmail.com](mailto:cheri24hooper@gmail.com) or 817-991-2415. If you are interested in participating in the race, please use the QR code below to sign up. Please see the SMM website for more details.



### SMM T-Shirts and Polos

The SMM 25th Anniversary Team is accepting orders for anniversary t-shirts and polo shirts. The order deadline is March 18th. For more details, please consult our online ordering page using the QR code or link below. If you prefer to pay by check, please turn in an order form and payment to the Parish Office. T-shirts and polos will be available for pickup after all Masses on April 6 & 7th. Extra shirts will not be ordered. Don't miss out on this great opportunity to show that you belong to our great Parish.

<https://www.osvhub.com/st-mary-magdalene-cath-church-1/forms/25th-shirts>





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## Simple Lenten Supper & Stations of the Cross

Please help the Council of Catholic Women on March 8, 2024, as we host a traditional meatless Friday meal of soup and salad for our parishioners, followed by readings of the Stations of the Cross.

Preparation for dinner will begin at 4:30 pm. Dinner will begin at 5:45 pm. Stations of the Cross start at 7:00 pm.

All information for donations and volunteering can be found at the following link,

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080C45A9A629A1F49-47600816-lenten>

Ladies, we are very close to filling all the categories NEEDED! Please take a look to see what you can help with. Look forward to seeing you!



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# CCW Tulip Tea Social

**DATE: APRIL 13, 2024**

**TIME: 10:00 AM - 12:00 NOON**

**PLACE: ST. MARY MAGDALENE PARISH HALL**

**GUEST SPEAKER: DEACON STEVE SWOPE**

**FEE: \$5.00 PER PERSON**



We would like to invite women of the parish to attend our CCW Tulip Tea Social. It will be a time for fellowship and to hear about Deacon Steve Swope's missionary works with the Catholic Relief Services. He does important and interesting work, and many have said they would like to know more. There is a minimal fee of \$5.00 which will include Danishes and coffee/tea/juice. Please sign up early, as we have **ONLY 40 tickets** to sell for this event. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Suzette Binek at [suzettebinek@gmail.com](mailto:suzettebinek@gmail.com) or 724-513-0837. Please use the QR code below to register.



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## Announcing SMM Woman of the Year 2024

**The St. Mary Magdalene Council of Catholic Women is proud to announce that Lois Bruning has been selected as St. Mary Magdalene's Woman of the Year. Please extend your congratulations to her.**

Lois has shown an outstanding commitment, faithfulness, and selfless devotion to SMM and our local community. Lois has served the Mercy Meals ministry, the Usher Team, Supper Club ministry, and as President and caseworker for the St. Vincent de Paul ministry.



Having personally known Lois for years, I can share a personal story that reflect Lois' spirit. As a Vincentian, Lois strives to serve people through personal relationships. This means meeting needy Cowetans in their own homes, or even hotels. She is a strong believer in personally meeting all those that SVdP helps because it is through the very personal interaction that you can discover the true nature of needs of each person that calls for help. Lois encourages working with other agencies in order to maximize the help that SVdP can provide. I recall one situation where a family had to move out of their rental home and in addition to needing financial help with the move, they needed help with finding a temporary home for their dog until they were settled in a new home. Lois offered to take the dog to her own home. Days turned to weeks, and weeks turned to months. Needless to say, Lois adopted the dog.

Lois also worked with non-profit construction agencies and raised the funds needed to build Our Daily Bread Food Warehouse, the SVdP food pantry on our church property. She has trained numerous Vincentians and has been instrumental in obtaining grant funding from various agencies which allows SVdP to help more Coweta citizens.

Lois is a retired nurse, an animal lover, a wonderful cook, a gardener, and an incredible artist. Throughout her lifetime, she has shared all of the wonderful talents that God gave her with all those that she encounters. She has a quiet, professional demeanor and positively approaches any challenges that come her way.

**You are invited to attend a special Mass conducted on April 6, 2024 at 10:30 AM at Our Lady of Assumption, 1350 Hearst Drive, NE, Brookhaven, GA 30319 to honor all Archdiocesan Women of the Year. Come show your support for Lois and our Parish. If you are interested in attending and would like to carpool with me, please call Julie Keller at 770-296-2997.**





## Just a Reminder....

St. Mary Magdalene's Nursery is in **NEED** of volunteers for their 9 am Sunday Mass. They would love to see more volunteers to add to their growing list of families that desire these services. Please refer to an article written by Maggie Heatherman in our November newsletter for more details. Thank you!

## CCW Bake Sale Thank You

WOW! What an amazing display of baked goods was brought for our CCW Bake Sale. I am truly grateful to have such wonderful women who love to support our organization. The turnout was undeniably a SUCCESS Thank you, thank you, thank you!!! We sold all of our donated baked goods and raised just over \$900 to help our local community. We will decide in the spring which charitable organizations will receive a portion of all our fundraising monies.

I look forward to continuing to work with all of you in the future. If you have any ideas or thoughts on what you would like to see for future events, please let me know. I am beginning to organize our next CCW calendar year.

